

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

June 3, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 3, 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 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Vaughn Beck, Michael Jager, Cody Peterson, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license \$126,858.90; SD Retirement Special Pay Plan 6,210.48; SD Department of Transportation, bridge improvement cost share 1,607.84.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction \$947,675.18.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$546.54; Hosmer City Office 181.00; Century Link 66.92; Ipswich City Office 338.74; Midcontinent Communications 295.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 245.18; Reuer Sanitation 46.00.

Professional Services: Avera St. Lukes \$332.90; Bantz Gosch & Cremer LLC 1,404.69; Bowdle Hospital 22,000.00; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory 59.08; Taliaferro Law Firm 1,798.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing \$289.78; The Pride of the Prairie 371.18.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Associated School Boards of SD \$775.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: American Solutions for Business \$56.67; Auto Value Parts Store 727.98; Century Business Products 185.50; Dollar General 26.00; Floyds Kubota 319.09; Heinz Snow Removal 100.00; Jebro Inc. 23,546.84; Menards 1,210.49; Quality Welding Inc 669.79; Rockmount Research 1,325.25.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of May: Commissioners \$6,295.80; Auditor 8,993.32; Treasurer 8,897.50; States Attorney 4,759.32; Courthouse Maintenance 3,822.00; Director of Equalization 8,897.50; Register of Deeds 8,897.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,403.40; Jail 5,199.83; Sheriff's Department 49,646.91; (Overtime Pay: Lily Hohn 389.69; Nathan Jaenisch 718.80; Brooke Jensen 350.27; Robin Lesnar 131.76; Cynthia Sahli 775.65); (Highway Safety Grant: Andrea Carlson 500.63; Cody Peterson 571.20; Jonathan Waldner 2,602.04); Emergency Management 1,525.24; Weeds 535.08; Highway Department 57,071.62; 4-H 6,608.45; 24/7 Sobriety 282.04.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC 1,873.64; AIG 30.00; Delta Dental 1,199.10; Colonial Life 587.88; First Concord Benefits Group 575.34; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 37,845.85; SD Retirement 20,946.63; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,662.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 595.65; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 38,887.00.

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

AXON CONTRACT: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to approve a five-year contract between Edmunds County and Axon Enterprises Inc beginning February 1, 2026 for five Police Body Cameras and Taser Systems, in the amount of \$60,673.27. Motion Carried.

BRIDGE CLOSURE: Hayden Gebhart, Michael Gutenkauf and Chelsea Sherida from IMEG Engineering Corp, along with Charles Boulais, Barb Braun, Jason Braun, Jerry Braun, Chris Erdmann, Steve Rauscher, and Jerome Schaffner met with the Board to discuss the condition of County Bridge #10. A decision was made to close the bridge effective immediately.

CONNECT CARE: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve the three-year MSP IT Support contract for premium managed services from Twotrees Technology for the Courthouse computers and server in the amount of \$1,028 per month. Motion approved.

CREDIT CARD: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to allow Bryan M. Warner, Deputy Sheriff, to use a county credit card for county purchases only. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Wendy B. Knittel, Highway Secretary, to use a county credit card for county purchases only. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to hire Heather M. Shuff as temporary part-time Highway Secretary, effective June 2, 2025 thru July 31, 2025 at a salary of \$23.54 per hour. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to amend the Edmunds County Personnel Policy by updating Policy #4 – Recruitment and Selection and Policy #5 – Hours of work. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to allow Sandra Northrop to attend the District Assessor's Meeting in Faulkton on May 29th. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter into executive session at 10:31 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:47 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 17th and July 8th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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