

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
July 8, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on July 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 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Vaughn Beck, Andrea Carlson, Kyle Couchey, Brittney Duvall, Gwen Geditz, Blake Holland, Michael Jager, Katie Moser, Sandra Northrop, Jonathan Waldner, and Morgan Weissner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** American Income Life Insurance, Insurance \$210.50; SD Department of Transportation, bridge improvement cost share 6,083.79; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance 873.63.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction \$709,960.46.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$547.74; Century Link 66.92; Ipswich City Office 406.43; Midcontinent Communications 295.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 396.79; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Tri State Water 277.50; Venture Communications 86.46.

Professional Services: Bantz Gosch & Cremer LLC \$781.62; Vaughn P. Beck 1,905.13; Edmunds County Abstract 25.00; Leann Gjernes 60.10; Katie Hogie 375.00; Jerald M. McNeary Jr 456.75; Meade County Auditor 1,615.00; Taliaferro Law Firm 372.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing \$151.47; The Pride of the Prairie 110.34.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Hampton Inn Mitchell \$519.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Awards \$30.00; Access Elevator & Lifts Inc 1,066.52; American Solutions for Business 28.87; Auto Value Parts Store 20.24; Axon Enterprise Inc 340.50; Century Business Products 133.89; Dakota Electronics 2,762.40; Dakota Ink And Toner 393.92; Flame4ensics Investigations 884.29; Floyds Kubota 502.22; Galls 644.57; Gary's Engine Repair 12.46; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 11.33; J Gross Equipment 208.40; Lien Transportation 25,103.70; Menards 158.02; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Powerplan 8,144.77; Pro Ag Supply Inc 49.72; Sanitation Products 247.38; Twotrees Technologies 341.75; Van Diest Supply Company 6,650.00.

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

**EMPLOYEES:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to appoint Dionne M. Olson, as Edmunds County Auditor, effective July 8, 2025. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Rachel H. Wipf, as part-time dispatcher to work in the Sheriff's Department, effective June 30, 2025, at a salary of \$22.00 per hour. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER:** Mike Hageman and Adam Kuehl met with the board to give updates on the construction of the new Jail and Law Enforcement Center.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to allow Barb Schaefer to attend the South Dakota Veterans Service Officers Association conference in Sioux Falls on September 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**TREASURER:** Patricia Nigg met with the board to discuss a possible refund to an Edmunds County taxpayer. Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve refund in the amount of \$109.63. Motion carried.

**TURKEY BARNs:** Jeff Anderson, Doug Perrion, Lidia Picanou and Denny Vidakovic met with the board in regard to noise complaints from neighbors of local turkey barns. Managers of the Turkey Barns have agreed to come up with a plan and present back to the Board of Commissioners with a resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to enter into executive session at 10:03 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(4). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:28 a.m.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

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

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