

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
September 2, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on September 2, 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: Andrea Carlson, Mike Hageman, Tracy Hutson, Mike Jager, Dale Preszler, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Ipswich City Office, Law Enforcement Center Water Meter \$3,880.89; Montana Dakota Utilities, Law Enforcement Center Electric Hookups and Agreement 14,129.00; SD Public Assurance Alliance, JD Tractor Insurance 124.31.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction \$499,200.89; HMN Architects Inc 7,655.06.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$562.53; Century Link 67.38; Hosmer City Office 90.50; Ipswich City Office 363.60; Midcontinent Communications 140.39; Montana Dakota Utilities 313.38; Venture Communications 86.34.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: SD Association of County Commissioners \$1,760.00.

Professional Services: Courtney Baer \$125.00; Bridgeway Counseling 2,500.00; Edmunds County Abstract 100.00; Faulkton Area Medical Center 160.00; Juror Fees 951.90; Redwood Toxicology Lab 112.40; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck 53.50; Taliaferro Law Firm 296.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing \$305.20.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: C&B Operations \$151,336.00; Century Business Products 264.00; Dakota Electronics 213.70; Dollar General 22.85; Gappa Electric 3,178.43; Heier's Body Shop 3,101.59; Ipswich Post Office 9.70; Marshall & Swift 1,082.15.

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

**2026 BUDGET:** The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Tweedy, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2025-9-1, Adoption of the 2026 Annual Budget for Edmunds County. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Preszler.

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

Whereas, due and legal notice has been given, to the meeting of the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such Provisional Budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR Edmunds County, South Dakota, and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Edmunds County, South Dakota, this 2nd day of September, 2025. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor Edmunds County, South Dakota. Taxes are levied by Edmunds County for the year January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$5,019,160.00 which sets the 2025 Edmunds County Mill Levy at 3.330 dollars per \$1,000.00 of valuation, for taxes payable in 2026.

Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Tweedy - yes, Geditz - yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

**LIQUOR LICENSE:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the Hunting Preserve Alcoholic Beverage License in the name of Rivett Refuge Preserve 1, LLC, from September 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Motion carried.

**OPEN MEETING LAWS:** The board met with Vaughn Beck, Edmunds County States Attorney, to review South Dakota's Open Meeting Laws. Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to comply with SB-74 and review these laws annually.

**POOR CLAIM:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve County Poor Relief Assistance expenses in the amount of \$7,685.20 for ECO-331. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION – SECOND RESTATEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE**

**ABERDEEN-BROWN COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY:** The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Geditz, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2025-9-2, establishing the continued participation in the Aberdeen – Brown County Regional Railroad Authority and authorizing the chair to sign the second restatement of the agreement establishing the Aberdeen – Brown County Regional Railroad Authority. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Dean Mehlhaff. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Tweedy - yes, Geditz - yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas - yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, SDCL Chapter 49-17A authorizes the creation of regional railroad authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Aberdeen - Brown County Regional Railroad Authority was established in 1991 and restated in 2007, and membership currently includes the City of Aberdeen, Brown County, Edmunds County, Spink County, and Beadle County (collectively, the "Members"); and

WHEREAS, the Members in 2025 desire to amend and restate the Agreement by which the ABCRRA is organized and operated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Edmunds County shall continue its membership in the ABCRRA in accordance with the Second Restatement of the Agreement Establishing the ABCRRA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dean Mehlhaff is hereby appointed as the Commissioner and Micheal J. Geditz is appointed as alternate Commissioner of the ABCRRA from Edmunds County for a term of three (3) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to sign the Second Restatement of Agreement evidencing Edmunds County's continued membership in the ABCRRA.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to declare 1.98 ton of mixed iron as surplus county property and allow the same to be sold to Meyers Tractor Salvage LLC. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to allow Lily Hohn to attend the 911 Basic Telecommunicator Class in Pierre on September 14<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to allow Gwen Geditz, Micheal J. Geditz, Michael Jager, Dean Mehlhaff, Patricia Nigg, Dionne Olson, Chad Preszler, and William Tweedy to attend the SD County Convention in Pierre on September 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to enter into executive session at 10:58 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:16 a.m.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:27 a.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

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

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