

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

October 7, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on October 7, 2025 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, William Tweedy, Micheal J. Geditz, and Chad Preszler. Absent Timothy Thomas. Vice-Chairman Preszler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Jason Braun, Andrea Carlson, Chris Erdmann, Garrett Heinz, Mike Heinz, Glenn Hoyle, Mike Jager, Wendy Knittel, Dale Preszler, Mike Steen, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: North Central Regional 911, Quarterly Surcharge \$17,457.57; Powell Township, Rural Infrastructure Grant 11,331.20; SD Association of County Commissioners, Catastrophic Legal, 3,974.00; SD Association of County Officials, M & P Fees 136.00; SD Department of Public Safety, Teletype Services 3,090.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 164,242.02; SD Department of Transportation, Cost Share Bridge #7, 289.11;

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction \$750,007.96; HMN Architects Inc 7,905.42.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$595.25; Century Link 67.38; Hosmer City Office 90.50; Ipswich City Office 330.18; Midcontinent Communications 295.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 322.75; Northern Electric 176.12; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Tri State Water 134.25; Venture Communications 86.34.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Ramkota Hotel \$672.00.

Professional Services: Bantz, Gosch, & Cremer LLC \$784.62; Vaughn Beck 1,890.80; Davison County Sheriff's Office 210.00; Edmunds County Abstract 75.00; Tammy Pitz 125.00; Sanford Health 2,100.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing \$209.75; The Pride of the Prairie 214.41.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra Cooperative \$9,525.50; American Solutions for Business 51.29; Bill Braunworth 307.90; Century Business Products 182.23; Dakota Fluid Power Inc 16.40; Dakota Ink and Toner 403.93; Fastenal Company 42.90; Floyd's Truck Center 119.83; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 7.28; Ipswich Post Office 234.00; Linde Gas & Equipment 132.75; Mac's Hardware 15.99; Menards 115.52; Microfilm Imaging 767.00; Newman Traffic Signs 40.82; Pembroke Hutterian Brethren 240.00; Plains Industries LLC

660.40; Pomp's Tire Service 524.40; Runnings Supply 759.99; Servall Uniform & Linen 31.64; Twotrees Technology 1,369.75; Whirlwind Truck Service 28.50.

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

BIDS – USED PAYLOADER: Bids were received, for the purchase of a used payload, from the following: Transource Truck & Equipment –2020 Volvo L90HLB in the amount of \$134,500.00; RDO Equipment Company–2015 John Deere 624K in the amount of \$124,369.00. Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to accept the bid from Transource Truck & Equipment. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve the 2026 Highway Safety Speed Overtime Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion carried.

Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to approve the 2026 Highway Safety DUI Overtime Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve GMP Change Order #2 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Feasibility Study Credit in the amount of -\$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve Change Order proposal #2 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Add bollards in the amount of \$9,512.00. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve Change Order proposal #3 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Addition of a 2nd padded cell in the amount of \$35,000.00. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve Change Order proposal #4 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Changes in Chief Deputy office in the amount of \$1,250.00. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve Change Order proposal #5 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Watch tour credit in the amount of -\$4,516.00. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to table Change Order proposal #6 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Asphalt additions on 3rd Ave & 2nd St in the amount of \$41,970.00, and Change Order proposal #7 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – South parking lot in the amount of \$41,074.00. Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$4,144.95. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SYSTEM: The Edmunds County Five Year Highway & Bridge Improvement Plan was presented to the Board of Commissioner and public hearing was held. Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to adopt the 2026 Edmunds County Five Year Highway & Bridge Improvement Plan. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Tweedy - yes, Geditz - yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas - absent. Motion carried.

PLATS APPROVED: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved, by the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, that the following plats, having been examined are hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof: Stern First Addition in the SW¼ of Section 24, T123N-R68W; Sunset West Fourth Addition in the NW¼ of Section 24, T123N-R66W; Sunset West Fifth Addition in the SW¼ of Section 24, T123N-R66W; Wendt Addition in the SE¼ of Section 4, T122N-R66W. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – EAST RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE: The resolution was introduced by Commissioner Tweedy, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2025-10-1, granting East River Electric Cooperative authority to construct, reconstruct, maintain and operate its electric system within Edmunds County for an additional 20 years. A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the Edmunds County Auditor's Office. Motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Geditz. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff – yes, Tweedy – yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler – yes, Thomas – absent. Resolution adopted.

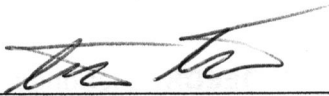
TRANSFER CASH: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to make a budgeted transfer of \$20,000.00 cash from the General Fund to the Emergency Management Fund. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to allow Michael Jager and Dale Preszler to attend the Annual Regional Local Road Conference in Sioux Falls on October 20th – 22nd. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to enter into executive session at 10:34 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:59 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 21st and November 4th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:06 a.m. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: 

Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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