

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

November 18, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on November 18, 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, Mike Jager, Cody Peterson, Dale Preszler, Brad Titley, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Motorola Solutions, Equipment and Subscriptions \$3,798.12; SD Association of County Officials, Monthly M&P 178.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 129,306.77; US Bank St. Paul, Bond Payment 327,237.50.

Phone & Utilities: FEM Electric \$127.55; Heartland Waste Management Inc. 150.00; Montana Dakota Utilities 1,801.42; Roscoe City Office 87.25; Tri State Water 140.40; Valley Telecommunications 500.13; Verizon 119.19; Web Water 104.86.

Professional Services: Bantz Gosch & Cremer \$2,125.73; Beadle County Sheriff 1,050.00; Vaughn Beck 1,883.33; Brown County Jail 1,400.00; Certified Language International 39.60; Cogley Law Office 42.80; Edmunds County Abstract 50.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office 270.00; First Concord Benefits Group 52.50; SD Public Health Lab 250.00.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Clubhouse Hotel & Suites Pierre 336.00; SD Association of Towns & Townships, conference registration 150.00.

Juror Fees: Jennifer Kirschenmann \$50.20; Violet Stolz 11.34.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Benco Equipment \$3,079.47; Central square Technologies 7,571.90; Century Business Products 124.40; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 1,898.16; Dollar General 8.70; Expetec of Aberdeen 462.60; Heier's Body & Repair 1,363.04; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware LLC 62.92; Jensen Rock & Sand 2,406.83; Mac's Hardware 699.95; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Power Plan 1,634.51; Premier Equipment 1,770.03; Quilters Corner 390.00; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 202.00; Safety Service Inc 515.00; US Bank 3,838.75; WEX Bank 3,034.56.

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

BRIDGES: Michael Gutenkauf and Chelsea Sheridan, IMEG Engineering Corporation, presented the Board along with Jason Braun, Jerald Braun, Paul Malsom and Steve Rauscher the options for Bridge repair or replacement for a Bridge in Pembroke Township.

CORONER: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to approve the Coroner's appointment of Cody D. Peterson as Deputy Coroner for Edmunds County, effective October 15, 2025. Motion carried.

COUNTY LEVY: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to table the levy corrections from finalized growth valuations. Motion carried.

HOLIDAY: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to close the Courthouse for the Christmas Holiday from December 24th – 26th and allow employees to use Vacation or earned flex hours if no vacation is available to make up for time off. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to table Contingency Draw #3 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – HVAC & temp controls and addition of Fire Fighter Control panel in the amount of \$20,000.00. Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$7,036.60. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Morgan Weisser to attend the SDSU Grant writing workshop in Aberdeen on November 12th, allow Jason Onken, Dale Preszler, Robert Rutt, Jeremy Schlecht, and Dewayne Sowards to attend the South Dakota Association of Towns and Townships Annual Meeting in Huron on December 4th.

WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to open the weed meeting at 10:12 a.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2025 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

WEED CONTROL: Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed the weed control plan for 2026 in Edmunds County.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn the weed meeting at 10:23 a.m. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter into executive session at 10:24 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:08 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 2nd and December 16th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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