COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

November 4, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on November 4, 2025 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Micheal J. Geditz, Chad Preszler, and Timothy Thomas. Absent William Tweedy. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Andrea Carlson, Kyle Couchey, Terry Heinz, Greg Gisi, Mike Jager, Dale Preszler, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Safe Harbor, Marriage and Divorce Fees $610.00; SD Department of Transportation, Cost Share Bridge #10, 1,953.73; South Dakota Secretary of State, Notary Renewal 30.00.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction $963,255.41.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility $632.30; Century Link 67.57; Hosmer City Office 90.50; Ipswich City Office 325.99; Midcontinent Communications 295.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 326.14; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Venture Communications 86.74.

Professional Services: Bantz, Gosch, & Cremer LLC $730.63; Cogley Law Office 496.00; Faulkton Area Medical Center 3,012.00; Kuck Law Office 527.16.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing $523.79; The Pride of the Prairie 526.92.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Awards $105.00; Agtegra Cooperative 30,226.48; American Solutions for Business 35.00; Century Business Products 118.11; Heier's Body Shop 255.00; J&R Plumbing, Heating, and AC 709.65; Kens Food Fair 47.33; Rock Tuff 14.50; Share Corporation 146.82; Sportboardz 38.47; Stan Houston Equipment 1,063.80; Trav's Outfitter 49.98; Twotrees Technology 1,369.75.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of October: 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 4,814.40; Sheriff's Department 50,844.12; (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun $1,101.60; Kyle Couchey 789.74; Cody Peterson 897.60; Jonathan Waldner 914.81; Bryan Warner 1,071.66); (On Call Pay: Daniel Braun $142.00; Kyle Couchey 168.50; Cody Peterson 173.00); Coroner 150.00; Emergency

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Management 1,525.24; Weeds 781.12; Highway Department 56,421.91; 4-H 4,143.04; 24/7 Sobriety 239.50.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC $1,637.38; Delta Dental 1,145.90; Colonial Life 587.88; First Concord Benefits Group 693.34; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 18,698.22; SD Retirement 20,736.76; Optilegra 115.27; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,662.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 598.80; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 37,526.00.

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

BRIDGES: Michael Gutenkauf and Chelsey Sheridan, IMEG Engineering Corporation, presented the Board with the 2025 Edmunds County Bridge Inspection Report.

EMPLOYEE STEP: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to increase the salary of Robin L. Lesnar, dispatcher, to $22.96 per hour, effective November 1, 2025. Motion carried.

JAIL: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Jail Agreement, with Charles Mix County, to provide housing for Edmunds County prisoners at a rate of $90.00 adult per day in the Charles Mix County Jail. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to approve 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.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve Change Order proposal #9 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Base course and Geo textile fabric in the amount of $18,683.25. Motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSES: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to approve the 2026 Retail On-Sale Liquor Licenses in the names of; Bowdle Golf Club, The Crossing LLC, and The Wakeside Bar & Grill LLC, and to approve the 2026 Package Off-Sale Liquor in the name of The M Station. Motion carried.

WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to open the weed meeting at 9:38 a.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

WEED CONTROL: Michael Jager, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed weed control progress for 2025, and the weed control plan for 2026 in Edmunds County.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn the weed meeting at 9:42 a.m. Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to enter into executive session at 10:02 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:30 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on November 18th and December 2nd.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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