

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

December 16, 2025

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on December 16, 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, Blake Holland, Corey Johnson, Wendy Knittel, Brooke Jensen, Dale Preszler, Eric Rapp, Brad Titley, and Jonathan Waldner.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Brownlee Construction Inc, Crushed Gravel \$386,543.85; SD Department of Transportation, Cost Share Bridge Inspections 418.62; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 98,193.70.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$136.64; Century Link 67.57; FEM Electric 147.89; Heartland Waste Management Inc. 150.00; Hosmer City Office 181.00; Ipswich City Office 334.31; Midcontinent Communications 140.39; Montana Dakota Utilities 4,133.00; Northern Electric 260.66; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Roscoe City Office 90.60; Tri State Water 132.15; Valley Telecommunications 905.10; Verizon 119.19; Web Water 105.12.

Professional Services: Avera McKennan \$873.00; Avera St. Lukes 2,748.89; Vaughn Beck 1,895.27; Brown County Jail 1,200.00; Edmunds County Abstract 25.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office 360.00; First Concord Benefits Group 52.50; Juror Fees 743.60; SD Public Health Lab 465.00; Taliaferro Law Firm 4,101.01; Sara Zahn 108.00.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Clubhouse Hotel & Suites, Pierre \$382.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing \$159.23; The Pride of the Prairie 227.51.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: A-1 Sanitation \$128.50; Active 911 Inc. 2,130.00; Auto Value Parts Store 1,279.29; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 85.69; Butler Machinery 2,353.14; Cartney Bearing & Supply 97.60; Century Business Products 217.46; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 999.12; Dakota Fluid Power 213.91; Dakota Ink and Toner 391.93; Dakota Insurance Solutions 50.00; Dollar General 52.40; Election Systems and Software 1,730.65; Expetec of Aberdeen 462.60; Heier's Body & Repair 799.87; Heinz Snow Removal 300.00; Hutson Construction 200.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware LLC 74.70; John Deere Financial 748.39; Ken's Food Fair 461.28; Mac's

Hardware 164.02; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Pomp's Tire Service 3,835.89; Power Plan 4,099.47; Premier Equipment 880.00; Quilty Welding 338.96; Runnings 13.98; Safety Service Inc 1,080.60; Schurrs 38.81; Transource 80.36; Twotrees Technologies 1,369.75; US Bank 1,241.45; WEX Bank 2,013.12.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to accept the November 30, 2025, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total November Receipts -- \$888,643.57  
Total November Disbursements -- \$4,866,285.95

Balance in Checking Account -- \$335,099.29  
Today's Receipts -- \$65,475.41  
Change -- \$1,300.00  
Money Market -- \$471,799.12  
SD FIT – Unassigned -- \$2,128,499.90  
SD FIT – GO Bonds -- \$600,140.89  
Money Certificates -- \$1,800,000.00  
Total Cash Assets -- \$5,402,314.61

Edmunds County General Fund:

Balance November 1, 2025	\$3,303,585.46
November Receipts	\$203,274.17
November Disbursements	\$182,211.11
Balance November 30, 2025	\$3,324,648.52

Motion carried.

**BRIDGE GRANTS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant Agreement, between Edmunds County and the South Dakota Department of Transportation, for Preliminary Engineering on Edmunds County Bridge ID# 23-440-025. 5 yes votes, motion carried.

**BUDGET SUPPLEMENT:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to supplement the Sheriff's Budget, in the amount of \$241.80, with insurance money received, per SDCL 7-21-32.1. Motion carried.

**CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to transfer funds from the 2025 County Contingency Budget to the following departments: Coroner \$2,300.00; Court Appointed Attorney \$43,000.00; Sheriff \$5,000.00; States Attorney \$5,600.00; Support of Poor \$8,000.00. Motion carried.

**CREDIT CARD:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to allow Dale A. Preszler, Highway Superintendent, to use a county credit card for county purchases only. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEES:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to accept the resignation of Michael J. Jager, Highway Superintendent, effective January 8, 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to appoint Dale A. Preszler, Highway Superintendent and Weed & Pest Supervisor, for a two year term commencing January 1, 2026 at a salary of \$66,550.00 per year. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to change the Highway Department software from D-Ware to Ultra. Motion carried.

**INVENTORY:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to set the required amount of an item that needs to be added to inventory at \$500.00. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve Contingency Draw #4 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Add framing to vestibule 112 in the amount of \$594.00. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve GMP Change Order #10 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – Sallyport and lobby paint in the amount of -\$1,122.00. Motion carried.

**MILEAGE RATES:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to raise the rate for County mileage reimbursement from 67 cents per mile to 70 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2026. Motion carried.

**NECOG AGREEMENT:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler, to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the Joint Cooperative Agreement with the Northeast Council of Governments for the year of 2026, in the amount of \$8,945.77, for the purpose of providing planning, technical aid, and assistance capabilities to its membership and other units of local governments. Motion carried.

**PLAT APPROVED:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved, by the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, that the following plat, having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof; plat of Holmes First Addition to Mina in the SW¼ of Section 26, 123-66, Edmunds County, South Dakota. Motion carried.

**POOR CLAIM:** A request for payment of a poor claim was received, from Client ECO-335, in the amount of \$14,089.61 from Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to deny the poor claim. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to allow Dionne Olson to attend the Annual Report workshop in Mitchell on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ZETRON:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to accept the quote from Zetron for two dispatch consoles in the amount of \$390,127.50 spread out over a 10 year period,

contingent upon getting a 5% total discount and install as soon as possible. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to enter into executive session at 11:20 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:43 a.m.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on January 6<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:57 p.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

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

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