

# COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday - January 6, 2026**  
**Regular Meeting - 9:00 A.M.**

9:00 Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance.

9:05 Reorganization Meeting – 2026 – pages 2 thru 3 attached.

9:15 Dale Preszler, Highway Superintendent.  
Consider Resolution #2026-1-1, Weight & Speed Limit Enforcement.  
Purchase new & recap tires, road chemicals/road salt, weed & pest chemicals, bulk ethanol, regular unleaded, and diesel fuel all off the state bid.  
Updates on road projects & machinery.

9:30 Patricia Nigg, Edmunds County Treasurer – Investment Policy.  
The county sets the investment policy of the Treasurer pursuant to SDCL 4-5-8. Such policy to be that the Treasurer is authorized and directed to invest all idle cash to gain maximum interest for the county. The change fund for the Treasurer's Office will be \$1,200.00. The change fund for the Register of Deed's Office will be \$100.00. Set "Farmers State Bank of Hosmer", "First State Bank of Roscoe", "Ipswich State Bank", and "South Dakota Funds Investment Trust (FIT)" as the named Edmunds County bank depositories.

9:35 Jonathan Waldner, Edmunds County Sheriff.  
Consider Jail Agreement to provide housing to Edmunds County inmates in Beadle County Jail, at a rate of \$105.00 per day. Consider Juvenile Detention Center Agreement with Beadle County to house Edmunds County juveniles at a rate of \$325.00 per day.  
Staffing updates.  
Guardian System for the jail.  
Update on the Feds application for the jail.  
Ordering supplies for the jail.

--:-- Public Forum and Visitors.

Approve the minutes of the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regular meeting and the December 23, 2025 Special Meeting.

Approve the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for November 2025 - \$3,613.40.

Approve the Request for State Aid for salary of County Veterans Service Officer.

Discuss administrative leave, flex time, sick leave and vacation policies.

Executive Session, SDCL 1-25-2(1),(3).

Pay bills.

Next meetings: January 20<sup>th</sup> & February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Adjourn meeting - time \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Meeting will be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Edmunds County Courthouse, 210 2nd Ave, Ipswich, SD.

\*\* The Public Forum and Visitors section offers the opportunity for anyone not listed on the agenda to speak to the commissioners concerning important topics. The time will be limited to 5 minutes in length.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025 meeting.

Motioned by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2025 special meeting.

**CHAIRMAN:** The County Auditor called for nominations for Chairman. \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ as Chairman. Motioned by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that nominations cease. \_\_\_\_\_ was elected Chairman for the year of 2026.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN:** The County Auditor called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. \_\_\_\_\_ nominated CP \_\_\_\_\_ as Vice-Chairman. Motioned by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ that nominations cease. \_\_\_\_\_ was elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2026.

**APPOINTMENTS:** The Chairman made the following appointments:

4-H Advisory Board - CP \_\_\_\_\_ as commissioner representing the Board.

ABC Regional Railroad Authority - DM \_\_\_\_\_ as commissioner representing the Board, and MGeditz \_\_\_\_\_ as alternate.

E911 Board - Jonathan Waldner, Sheriff and CP \_\_\_\_\_ as commissioner representing the Board.

Northeast Council of Governments - DM TT \_\_\_\_\_ as commissioners representing the Board.

Zoning Board - TT WT \_\_\_\_\_ as commissioners representing the Board.

**OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:** "The Edmunds County Tribune", and "The Pride of the Prairie".

**BLOOD ALCOHOL FEES:** The payment for drawing blood alcohol tests will be \$125.00.

**ELECTION:** Rent paid, to precinct polling places for each election, will be set at a maximum of \$200.00 per day for the year 2026. Election workers will be paid a flat amount of \$50.00 for attending election training and \$300.00 for working election day. Post-

Election Audit Board members shall receive a minimum of \$60.00 or \$17.50 per hour if their time exceeds 3.5 hours.

**( \$0.75 p/hour raise – straight across )**

**SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 2026:** Commissioners (Micheal J. Geditz - \$15,440.00 per year, Dean Mehlhaff - \$15,440.00, Chad Preszler - \$15,440.00, Timothy Thomas - \$15,440.00, William Tweedy - \$15,440.00) Chairman will receive an additional \$600.00 per year; Auditor (Dionne Olson - \$60,520.00 Missy Kleffman - \$50,520.00); Treasurer (Patricia Nigg - \$59,370.00 Diane Geditz - \$50,520.00); States Attorney (Vaughn Beck - \$59,272.00); 4-H & Courthouse Custodian (Blake Holland - \$47,424.00); Director of Equalization (Sandra Northrop - \$59,370.00, Brittney Duvall - \$50,520.00); Register of Deeds (Gwen Geditz - \$59,370.00, Jodi Wagner - \$50,520.00); Veteran Service Officer (Barbara Schaefer - \$17,346.00); Sheriff (Jonathan Waldner - \$69,630.00, Kyle Couchey - \$31.72 per hour, Cody Peterson - \$27.95 per hour, Daniel Braun - \$27.95 per hour, Bryan Warner - 27.95 per hour, David Hunter - \$25.90 per hour part time, Bruce Sahli - \$25.90 per hour part time, Andrea Carlson - \$27.95 per hour, Nathan Jaenisch - \$23.71 per hour, Cynthia Sahli - \$23.71 per hour, Brooke Jensen - \$24.70 per hour Lily Hohn - \$23.71 per hour, Robin Lesnar - \$23.71 per hour); Emergency & Disaster Coordinator (Tracy Hutson - \$18,852.00); Highway Department (Dale Preszler - \$66,550.00, Wendy Knittel - \$24.29 per hour, Jordan Boulais - \$24.66 per hour, Rodney Kirschenmann - \$24.66, per hour, Jason Onken - \$24.66 per hour, William Osborne - \$24.66 per hour, Robert Rutt - \$24.66 per hour, Jeremy Schlecht - \$24.66 per hour, Jason Shaykett - \$24.66 per hour; Dewayne Sowards- \$24.66 per hour, Cody Stager- \$24.66 per hour, Jonathan Wipf - \$24.66 per hour); Weed Spraying (highway men will received 50 cents per hour more while weed spaying and attending weed & pest training); 4-H Department (Morgan Weisser - \$24.29 per hour); Coroner (Kyle Couchey - \$150.00 per call); Zoning Board Members (Audie Crouch, Peter Eisenbeisz, Susan Malsom - \$75.00 per meeting).