COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

January 20, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2026 at the county courthouse. Members present were: William Tweedy, Micheal J. Geditz, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas and via teleconference Dean Mehlhaff. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Brittney Duvall, Garett Heinz, Blake Holland, Adam Hudson, Wendy Knittel, Dale Preszler, Mike Varilek, and Jonathan Waldner.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: City of Mobridge, Dispatch Services $2,264.65; Lake Area Technical College Build Dakota Scholarship, Chet Peterson 2,750.00; SD Association of County Officials, Monthly M&P 148.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 106,962.55; Transource, 2016 Mack HD Day Cab 49,900.00.

2026 Budgeted Apportionments: Area IV Senior Nutrition Program $3,500.00; Aspire Inc 1,000.00; Bowdle Ambulance 10,000.00; Bowdle Senior Citizens 1,500.00; Edmunds County Conservation District 16,950.00; Edmunds County Rescue Unit 2,000.00; Grow South Dakota 5,000.00; Hosmer Senior Citizens 1,500.00; Ipswich Ambulance 10,000.00; Northeastern Mental Health 2,500.00; Roscoe Senior Citizens Club 1,500.00.

25% Road & Bridge (SDCL 10-12-9.4): Bowdle City Office $768.00; Hosmer City Office 308.00; Ipswich City Office 1,411.00; Roscoe City Office 490.00.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office $136.64; Century Link 67.57; FEM Electric 787.96; Heartland Waste Management Inc. 170.00; Midcontinent Communications 320.78; Montana Dakota Utilities 6,242.27; Northern Electric 288.28; Reuer Sanitation 46.00; Roscoe City Office 92.40; Tri State Water 146.55; Valley Telecommunications 924.20; Web Water 112.66.

Professional Services: Vaughn Beck $1,890.80; Brown County Jail 3,200.00; Dakota Counseling Group 2,500.00; de Castro Law Office 576.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office 270.00; SD Public Health Lab 280.00.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Mid-States Organized Crime $100.00; SD Association of County Commissioners 450.00; SD Association of Highway Superintendents 800.00; SD Association of County Weed & Pest Supervisors 75.00; SD Association of County Officials 876.42; SD Sheriff's Association 619.58; SD Weed & Pest Association 950.00.

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Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Area Radiator $2,105.00; Agtegra Cooperative 11,255.13; Auto Value Parts Store 28.96; Axon Enterprise 21,057.48; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 14.43; Brent's Septic Pumping 200.00; Butler Machinery 248.52; Century Business Products 139.63; Dakota Fluid Power 5,225.30; Dakota Ink & Toner 546.96; Dollar General 20.84; Equipment Blades 16,620.00; Expetec of Aberdeen 959.39; Farm Power MFG 19.80; Fischer Repair 41.25; Fire Safety First 59.12; Government Forms & Supplies 653.00; Heier's Body & Repair 87.00; Heinz Snow Removal 200.00; Hutson Construction 400.00; John Deere Financial 149.26; Mac's Hardware 486.56; Menards 7.98; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Power Plan 411.00; Premier Equipment 17.34; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 59.09; Runnings 105.92; Safety Service 87.85; Servall Uniform & Linen 41.90; Stan Houston Equipment Company 399.00; Titan Machinery 293.47; Transource 862.04; US Bank 1,519.74; Wallwork Truck Center 40.73; WEX Bank 1,963.49; Zetron 55,003.50.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to accept the December 31, 2025, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total December Receipts -- $556,325.29
Total December Disbursements -- $1,890,276.05

Balance in Checking Account -- $172,423.31
Today's Receipts -- $57,393.19
Change -- $1,300.00
Money Market -- $50,884.76
SD FIT – Unassigned -- $1,916,321.92
SD FIT – GO Bonds -- $69,011.97
Money Certificates -- $1,800,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- $4,068,363.85

Edmunds County General Fund:

Balance December 1, 2025	$3,324,648.52	
December Receipts	73,577.47	
December Disbursements	207,020.13	
Balance December 31, 2025	$3,191,205.86	Motion carried.

GIS WEBSITE: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to approve and allow the chairman to sign the 2026 Letter of Agreement between Edmunds County and First District of Local Governments for development, maintenance, and hosting the Edmunds County geographic information system and website. Motion carried.

JAIL: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Jail Agreement, with Day County, to provide housing for Edmunds County prisoners at a rate of $100.00 per day in the Day County Facility. Motion Carried.

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Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Jail Rental Agreements with Campbell, Corson, McPherson, Potter and Spink Counties to provide housing for inmates in the Edmunds County Jail at a rate of $110.00 per day for each prisoner. Motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to set the fee for the open Retail (on-sale) Liquor license at $600.00. Motion carried.

OPEN MEETING LAWS: The board reviewed and acknowledged the Conducting the Public's Business in Public guide to South Dakota's open meeting laws that was prepared by S.D. Attorney General's Office in partnership with S.D. NewsMedia Association. Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to comply with SB-74 and review these laws annually.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to table the discussion on administrative leave, flex time, sick leave, and vacation policies. Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of December 2025 in the amount of $6,538.50. Motion carried.

SD BOARD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development Reinvestment Program Assignment of Payment, between Edmunds County and Century Swine RE, LLC, with a projected amount of $1,400,000.00 to be paid to Edmunds County. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to allow all of the Highway employees to attend the Mining Safety and Health Administration Training in Aberdeen on March 10th, William Osborne, Dale Preszler and Jason Shaykett to attend the 2026 SD Weed and Pest Conference in Deadwood on February 18th–20th, and allow Dale Preszler to attend the SD Highway Superintendents Short Course in Deadwood on March 17th-19th. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to allow Jonathan Waldner to attend the SDSA Winter business meeting and Sheriff's Day at the Capitol in Pierre on January 28th–29th, Cody Peterson to attend Criminal 1 Investigative Interviewing Techniques in Sioux Falls on February 10th–12th, and allow Cody Peterson to attend Pepperball Instructor/Armour Certification training in Olivia, MN on March 24th–25th. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to enter into executive session at 9:30 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:15 a.m.

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MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 3rd and February 24th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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