

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
February 03, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2026 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, William Tweedy, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas and via teleconference Micheal J. Geditz. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Greg Gisi, Cynthia Heinz, Garrett Heinz, Blake Holland, Wendy Knittel, Dale Preszler, Jerome Schaffner, Jonathan Waldner, and Morgan Weisser.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: ESU Fire Division, 2012 GMC Savana Transport Van \$8,500.00; First District Association of Local Governments, GIS website hosting 5,500.00; SD Association of County Commissioners, Catastrophic Legal Relief Program 472.97; SD Association of County Officials, Website Hosting 150.00; SD Secretary of State, Notary Public Application 30.00; US Bank St. Paul, Administration Fees 600.00; Workers Compensation, Bryan Warner 3,385.20.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction \$233,064.42.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$639.72; Hosmer City Office 90.50; Ipswich City Office 340.07; Reuer Sanitation 53.00; Venture Communications 86.64.

Professional Services: First Concord Benefits Group \$112.50; Ipswich State Bank 5.00; Lincoln County Auditor 72.00; Heather Shuff 23.54.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing \$219.28; The Pride of the Prairie 381.99.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: American Solutions for Business \$38.40; Asure Software 751.90; Century Business Products 165.66; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 77.37; Schurrs 178.00; Sewer Duck 362.50; Twotrees Technologies 1,369.75.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of January: Commissioners \$6,389.55; Auditor 10,023.33; Treasurer 10,427.50; States Attorney 5,749.33; Courthouse Maintenance 3,987.00; Director of Equalization 12,591.51; Register of Deeds 12,627.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,554.45; Jail 4,906.10; Sheriff's Department 54,365.75; (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun \$163.20; Kyle Couchey 464.55; Cody Peterson 330.90; Jonathan Waldner 794.52; Bryan Warner 727.92); (County Overtime: Kyle Couchey \$464.55; Lily Hohn 275.52; Nathan Jaenisch 727.80; Brooke Jensen 787.58; Cynthia Sahli 422.28; Cody Peterson 419.25); (On Call Pay: Daniel Braun \$160.00; Kyle

Couchey 174.50; Cody Peterson 188.50; Bryan Warner 32.00); Emergency Management 1,743.12; Highway Department 69,498.43; 4-H 4,397.36; 24/7 Sobriety 243.25.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$2,535.76; Delta Dental 1,182.10; Colonial Life 739.22; First Concord Benefits Group 783.34; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 44,237.24; SD Retirement 23,978.78; Optilegra 101.02; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,887.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 524.72; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 37,526.00.

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

BRIDGES: Michael Gutenkauf and Chelsey Sheridan, IMEG Engineering Corporation, met with the Board to discuss bridge updates.

CERT TEAM: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to table the discussion on an updated list of CERT team members until March 10th. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Eric Kneen with 3D Security met with the board via teleconference to present options to update the panic button system in the Courthouse.

HIGHWAY: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to enter into a 4 ½ year lease for a 2023 John Deere 6145M Tractor from Ellwein Equipment, with five annual payments in the amount of \$16,785 per year; and to enter into a 4 ½ year lease for a 2023 John Deere 6145M Tractor from Ellwein Equipment, with five annual payments in the amount of \$16,025 per year. Motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the New Retail On-Sale Liquor License in the name of Pheasant Nest Properties LLC. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to approve the New Retail On-Off Sale Malt Beverage and On-Off Sale SD Farm Wines License in the name of The M Station. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION – EDMUNDS COUNTY BRIDGE REINSPECTION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Tweedy, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2026-2-1, establishing IMEG Engineering Corporation as Consulting Engineers for the required 2026 Edmunds County bridge inspection work. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Mehlhaff. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas – yes, Tweedy - yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box

culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Edmunds County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire IMEG Consultants Corp (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to declare 1806# of scrap aluminum and batteries as surplus county property and allow the same to be sold to Meyers Tractor Salvage LLC. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Morgan Weisser to attend the SDSU 4-H Online and Fair Entry Training in Aberdeen on April 9th. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the resignation of Susan M. Malsom, Edmunds County Zoning Board member, effective January 21, 2026. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to enter into executive session at 9:53 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:04 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 24th and March 10th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to adjourn at 12:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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