

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA  
February 24, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 24, 2026 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Micheal J. Geditz, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas and 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, Gwen Geditz, Brooke Jensen, Wendy Knittel, Patricia Nigg, Dale Preszler, Brian Soehl, Jonathan Waldner, and Morgan Weisser.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** Expetec of Aberdeen, New PC'S, Monitors, and Backup \$18,766.20; Guardian RFID, Jail Software 6,877.75; SD Department of Revenue, Liquor License 150.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 171,696.94; SD Department of Transportation, Cost Share Bridge #10, 292.87; SD Department of Public Safety, Teletype 3,090.00; SD Retirement Special Pay Program 4,893.00; United Tactical Systems LLC, Pepper ball Gun 2,478.00; Workers Compensation, Bryan Warner 4,959.48.

Law Enforcement Center: HMN Architects Inc \$7,643.00.

Phone & Utilities: A-1 Sanitation & Recycling \$47.22; Bowdle City Office 128.39; Century Link 67.52; FEM Electric 779.38; Heartland Waste Management Inc. 170.00; Midcontinent Communications 318.30; Montana Dakota Utilities 7,090.72; Northern Electric 348.78; Tri State Water 132.15; Valley Telecommunications 983.57; Venture Communications 86.64; Verizon Wireless 119.19; Web Water 113.63.

Professional Services: Courtney Baer \$125.00; Vaughn Beck 1,974.14; Brown County Jail 1,100.00; Day County Sheriff's Office 700.00; Edmunds County Abstract 50.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office 360.00; First Concord Benefits Group 52.50; Ipswich State Bank, Check Cancel Fee and Commissary Start Up Account 120.00; Redwood Toxicology Lab 30.12; Sanford Health OCCMED 183.00; Freddrikke Stroeh 125.00; SD Public Health Lab 200.00.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: Ramkota Hotel Pierre \$141.00; SD Association of Assessing Officers 75.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra Cooperative \$9,250.64; Auto Value Parts Store 710.84; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 30.34; Century Business Products 153.76; Crawford

MSDF Inc 463.14; Crawford Truck & Equipment 279.27; Dakota Fluid Power 2,838.84; Dollar General 10.00; Fastenal Company 68.08; Floyd's Kubota 17.71; Galls LLC 1,327.35; Heier's Body & Repair 203.00; Heinz Snow Removal 50.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware LLC 58.27; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc 2,114.55; John Deere Financial 85.39; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc 3,209.13; Mac's Hardware 523.71; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Minn-Kota Communications 1,242.00; Newman Traffic Signs 318.66; Poms Tire Service 191.32; Power Plan 10,862.54; Premier Equipment 1,740.61; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 331.22; Runnings 914.54; Safety Service 47.00; Schurrs 551.87; Servall Uniform & Linen 74.98; Stan Houston Equipment Company 299.00; Transource 1,377.69; US Bank 7,621.44; True North Steel Inc 30,610.40; Wallwork Truck Center 1,389.64; WEX Bank 2,132.00.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to accept the January 31, 2026, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total January Receipts -- \$1,122,382.55  
 Total January Disbursements -- \$1,266,046.40

Balance in Checking Account -- \$766,691.06  
 Today's Receipts -- \$50,765.39  
 Change -- \$1,300.00  
 Money Market -- \$367,612.60  
 SD FIT - Unassigned -- \$972,017.03  
 SD FIT - GO Bonds -- \$89,100.24  
 Money Certificates -- \$1,800,000.00  
 Total Cash Assets -- \$4,924,700.00

Edmunds County General Fund:		
Balance January 1, 2026	\$3,191,205.86	
January Receipts	196,688.76	
January Disbursements	352,246.26	
Balance January 31, 2026	\$3,035,648.36	Motion carried.

**WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to open the weed meeting at 9:11 a.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025 Weed & Pest Board Meeting. Motion carried.

WEED CONTROL: Dale Preszler, Edmunds County Weed Supervisor, discussed the weed control plan for 2026 in Edmunds County.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to adjourn the weed meeting at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried.

**CREDIT CARD:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Brooke M. Jensen, Chief Dispatcher, to use a county credit card for county purchases only. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve raising the credit limit on Andrea Carlsons's county credit card to \$8,000 until May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to purchase items for jail. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEES HIRED:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Lenny J. Braun, Donald E. Charlton, Scott T. Hedlund and Darren M. Olson as Jailers, at a salary of \$23.16 per hour, effective March 16, 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Patrick S. Lesnar as full time Deputy Sheriff, effective March 16, 2026, at a salary of \$26.95 per hour. Motion carried.

**INSURANCE:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the revised Intergovernmental Contract with the SD Public Assurance Alliance for Edmunds County's automotive, liability and property insurance. Motion carried.

**JAIL:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Jail Rental Agreement, with Walworth County, to provide housing for inmates, in the Edmunds County Jail, at a rate of \$110.00 per day for each prisoner and to reserve eight beds daily at the same rate. Motion carried.

**PLATS APPROVED:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved, by the Edmunds County Board of Commissioners, that the following plats, having been examined are hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof; Plat of O'Keefe First Addition to Mina Lake in the SE ¼ Section 212, 123-66 and in the NE ¼ of Section 13, 123-66 of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Plat of Lueck-Harr First Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 13, 123-66 of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. Motion carried.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$9,813.15. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to declare twenty-eight (28) Motorola 2way radios as surplus county property and allow the same to be sold on AuctionTime online auction. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER CASH:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to make a budgeted transfer of \$35,000.00 cash from the General Fund to the Emergency Management Fund. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to allow Andrea Carlson to attend CAD build training in Sioux Falls on February 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to allow Jonathan Waldner to attend the National Sheriffs' Association Convention in Omaha, NE on June 8<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup>, Andrea Carlson, Brooke Jensen and Jonathan Waldner to attend the SD Sheriffs' Association Spring Sheriffs & Police Chiefs Conference in Deadwood on April 13<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to allow Morgan Weisser to attend SD 4-H Capital Day in Pierre on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion Carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to enter into executive session at 9:54 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:02 a.m.

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

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. Motion carried.

  
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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

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

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