

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

March 10, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2026 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas and William Tweedy. Absent Micheal J. Geditz. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Andrea Carlson, Kyle Couchey, Blake Holland, Brooke Jensen, Wendy Knittel, Dale Preszler, Jonathan Waldner, and Morgan Weisser.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance \$123,910.76; Workers Compensation, Bryan Warner 3,095.41.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction \$261,313.40.

Phone & Utilities: A-1 Sanitation & Recycling \$128.50; AT&T Mobility 639.72; Century Link 67.52; FEM Electric 834.82; Hosmer City Office 94.50; Ipswich City Office 443.61; Midcontinent Communications 521.03; Reuer Sanitation 53.00; Roscoe City Office 91.20; Tri State Water 160.95; Valley Telecommunications 976.42; Verizon Wireless 119.19.

Professional Services: Vaughn Beck \$2,366.67; Brown County Jail 4,100.00; Cogley Law Office 1,205.60; Juror Fees 672.60; Edmunds County Abstract 50.00; Kuck Law Office 678.12; SD Public Health Lab 100.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing \$115.34; The Pride of the Prairie 237.71.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registrations: SD Association of Assessing Officers \$300.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Auto Value Parts Stores \$1,819.96; Beadle Ford 702.87; Central Square Technologies 7,185.49; Century Business Products 198.90; Crawford MSDF Inc 506.46; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 589.30; Dollar General 24.25; Dominiks Equipment 2,000.00; Expetec Of Aberdeen 462.60; Galls LLC 673.16; Haar Plumbing & Heating 1,323.16; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 689.56; Heinz Snow Removal 250.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 48.40; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Mac's Hardware 57.77; Menards 726.48; Meyers Tractor Salvage 1,200.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants 440.00; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 47.45; Sanitation Products 1,910.20; Transource 1,702.45; Twotrees Technologies 1,369.75; Wallwork Truck Center 990.28.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of February: Commissioners \$6,483.30; Auditor 13,096.25; Treasurer 9,157.50; States Attorney 4,939.34; Courthouse Maintenance 3,952.00; Director of Equalization 9,157.50; Register of Deeds 9,157.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,445.50; Jail 4,968.11; Sheriff's Department 56,085.67; (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun \$880.43; Kyle Couchey 2,220.84; Cody Peterson 754.65; Jonathan Waldner 1,037.88; (County Overtime: Daniel Braun \$419.25; Andrea Carlson 103.81; Lily Hohn 355.65; Nathan Jaenisch 367.65; Brooke Jensen 321.10; (On Call Pay: Daniel Braun \$219.00; Kyle Couchey 128.00; Cody Peterson 166.50); Coroner 300.00; Emergency Management 1,571.00; Highway Department 49,544.44; Weeds 199.20; 4-H 4,080.72; 24/7 Sobriety 247.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$2,173.28; Delta Dental 1,182.10; Colonial Life 729.16; First Concord Benefits Group 783.34; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 38,583.32; SD Retirement 20,844.76; Optilegra 101.02; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,912.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 521.84; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 36,552.00.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to pay all above claims. Motion carried with the exception of a nay vote from Tweedy.

**BIDS 2026:** Bituminous Mixture: Bids were received, for the purchase of AC Hot Mix 120-150 ½" crush and ¾" crush, from the following: Jensen Rock & Sand Inc - \$90.00 per ton; Lien Transportation - \$90.00 per ton.

Construction Equipment Rental: Bids were received for track excavator rental from the following: HF Jacobs and Son Construction Inc - CAT 320 \$200.00 per hour; CAT 330 long reach \$240.00 per hour; Lien Transportation - CAT 320 \$245.00 per hour; Moser Excavating LLC - John Deere 200G \$185.00 per hour.

Crushed Gravel: All prices are per ton. Bids were received, for gravel stockpiles from the following; Brownlee Construction Inc - 1" crushed gravel \$7.35 (Arbach pit), ½" crushed aggregate \$19.95 (B&K pit); ¾" crushed gravel \$7.85 (Arbach pit); 1" crushed gravel \$7.35 (Rausch pit), ¾" crushed gravel \$7.85 (Rausch pit); BDM Gravel LLC - ¾" crushed gravel \$6.50, pit run gravel \$3.50, ½" crushed aggregate \$22.00; H.F. Jacobs & Son Construction Inc - 1" crushed gravel \$7.25 (Gross pit); 1" crushed gravel \$6.00 (Hauck Pit); 1" crushed gravel \$6.00 (Spitzer pit); Hettich Sand & Gravel - ¾" crushed gravel \$7.50, pit run gravel \$3.50; Lien Transportation - 1" crushed gravel \$21.50 (Aberdeen yard), ¾" crushed gravel at \$21.50 (Aberdeen Yard), ½" crushed aggregate \$57.00 (Aberdeen Yard); Obenauer Sand-Gravel & Construction - 1" crushed gravel \$6.48, ¾" crushed gravel \$6.50, ½" crushed aggregate \$16.48, pit run gravel at \$3.10.

Road Oil: Bids were received, for the purchase of road oil, from the following: Flint Hills Resources – AE-150S at \$698.00 per ton; Jebro Inc – MC-70 at \$1,182.19 per ton, MC-800 at \$992.19 per ton, MC-3000 at \$932.28 per ton, and AE-150S at \$757.19 per ton.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to accept all above 2026 bids. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEES HIRED:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Nathan C. Jaenisch as a full-time Jailer, at a salary of \$24.16 per hour, effective March 23, 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Sara L. Eilers as a full-time Jailer, effective March 23, 2026, at a salary of \$23.16 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to change the start date of all previously hired full-time Jailers to March 23, 2026 due to Contractor delay. Motion carried.

**JAIL:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to increase the wage of Andrea C. Carlson to \$30.00 per hour effective March 23, 2026 to reflect Jail Administrator wage. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow all Sheriff's office and Jail employees to be scheduled for 80 hour pay periods. Motion carried.

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreements, between Edmunds County and the Townships of Hillside and Vermont for the rental of county blade/motor grader, snow removal equipment and an operator. Motion carried.

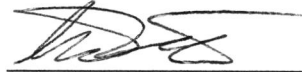
**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to allow Sandra Northrop to attend the SDAAO Conference in Sioux Falls on June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to enter into executive session at 9:28 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 9:43 a.m.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to enter into executive session at 10:15 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:38 a.m.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:13 p.m. Motion carried.



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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: Dionne Olson  
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Edmunds County Auditor

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