

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 14, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on April 14, 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, Brittney Duvall, Cindy Heinz, Garrett Heinz, Gordon Nielsen, Sandra Northrop, Leona Pitz, Dale Preszler, and Morgan Weisser.

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

**CLAIMS APPROVED:** American Income Life Insurance Company, Insurance \$222.50; Coral Sales Co. shipping on the Traffic Counter 35.00; DANR-Fiscal Office, Environmental Fees 100.00; Ellwein Equipment, Lease Two John Deere 614M Tractors, 32,775.00; Ipswich State Bank, Cancel Check Fee/Fraud and Safe Deposit Rental 37.50; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 141,292.23; Workers Compensation, Bryan Warner 3,095.31.

Law Enforcement Center: GA Johnson Construction \$86,469.79; HMN Architects Inc 15,468.27.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$639.72; Century Link 67.52; Bowdle City Office 128.39; FEM Electric 804.68; Hosmer City Office 92.50; Heartland Waste Management 170.00; Ipswich City Office 424.24; Midcontinent Communications 463.95; Mobridge City 105.29; Montana Dakota Utilities 5,022.04; Northern Electric 323.07; Reuer Sanitation 53.00; Roscoe City Office 91.80; Tri State Water 142.50; Valley Telecommunications 1,030.94; Verizon Wireless 119.19; Web Water 111.55.

Professional Services: Vaughn Beck \$1,966.67; Brown County Jail 1,000.00; Edmunds County Abstract 50.00; Faulkton Drug 86.00; First Concord Benefits Group 52.50; Mark Katterhagen 20.00; Val Larson 20.00; Lucy Lewno 198.74; Dean Schaefer 30.00; Yankton County Treasurer 153.75; Sara Zahn 321.25.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing \$473.09; The Pride of the Prairie 511.85.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registrations: SD Association of County Officials, Spring workshop and Deputy workshop \$900.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: 3D Security Inc \$1,880.50; Access Elevator & Lifts Inc 2,855.00; Agtegra 10,448.50; Auto Value Parts Stores 593.40; Bob Barker Company Inc 178.17;

Bowdle Building and Hardware Center Inc 25.45; Century Business Products 260.32; Charm-Tex Inc 7,483.64; Climate Control 1,915.20; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 338.08; Dakota Ink and Toner 111.98; Dollar General 51.00; Expetec Of Aberdeen 6,919.78; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 153.74; Heinz Snow Removal 200.00; Idemia Identity & Security 3,619.00; Ipswich Lumber & Hardware 266.14; John Deere Financial 381.41; Mac's Hardware 99.96; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Menards 224.77; Midstates Group 1,118.00; Minn-Kota Communications Inc 414.00; NAPA Central 95.88; Pembroke Hutterian Brethren 100.00; Pembroke Metal Fab LLC 160.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants 2,538.57; Pheasantland Industries Inc 9,321.84; Premier Equipment 357.00; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 129.51; Runnings Supply 184.92; Savvik Buying Group 69.99; Schurrs 535.96; Servall Uniform & Linen 42.40; Titan Machinery 560.40; Twotrees Technologies 1,369.75; Tyler Technologies 475.94; Wallwork Truck Center 39.90; Wex Bank 2,668.34.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of March: Commissioners \$6,483.30; Auditor 9,253.34; 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 4,513.93; Sheriff's Department 43,135.05; (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun \$104.81; Cody Peterson 419.25; Jonathan Waldner 251.10; (County Overtime: Daniel Braun \$419.25; Andrea Carlson 41.93; Lily Hohn 284.52; Nathan Jaenisch 333.59; Brooke Jensen 648.38; Robin Lesnar 296.52; Jason Onken 92.48; (On Call Pay: Daniel Braun \$230.00; Kyle Couchey 209.00; Cody Peterson 160.00); Emergency Management 1,571.00; Highway Department 47,272.32; Weeds 2,469.60; 4-H 3,886.40; 24/7 Sobriety 247.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$2,173.28; Delta Dental 1,182.10; Colonial Life 739.22; First Concord Benefits Group 783.34; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 33,149.94; SD Retirement 18,718.60; Optilegra 101.02; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,887.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 527.58; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 36,552.00.

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

**AIRCRAFT:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Permit Application allowing Dakota Air Spray, to operate, take off, or land aircraft on Edmunds County roads for the year of 2026, for the purpose of servicing said aircraft in preparation for aerial application of chemical or fertilizer materials. The aircraft shall notify the Sheriff's Office, have flag person at each end, operated at their own risk, the county will assume no liability, proof of liability insurance has been filed

with the Edmunds County Auditor and the aircraft operator must follow all Federal and State laws and regulations. Motion carried.

**CONTRACTS:** Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve the Dietician contract with Avera for the Edmunds County Jail in the amount of \$57.90 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the contract with Brick & Grain to supply food for the Edmunds County inmates in the amount of \$12.00 per day per inmate. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to table the contract with Modern Day Health for healthcare support services for Edmunds County Jail in the amount of \$150.00 per inmate bed per month. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION:** Garrett Heinz met with the board to present a petition he circulated to live-stream Commissioner meetings. No action was taken.

**EMPLOYEES:** Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Marcus Hofer as a full-time Jailer, at a salary of \$23.16 per hour, effective April 13, 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Jose Venegas as a full-time Jailer, effective April 13, 2026, at a salary of \$23.16 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to accept the resignation of Payton Biedler, Jailer, effective March 24, 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the hiring of Jay D. McCarlson, effective April 28, 2026, at a salary of \$24.16 per hour with a \$0.50 per hour raise in 90 days as long as CDL is obtained. Motion carried.

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

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve Contingency Draw #7 to the construction costs of the new Law Enforcement Center – change two transaction windows back to original design in the amount of (\$4,000.00). Motion carried.

**NURSE – OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE:** Melanie Kaiser, Community Health Nurse, met with the Board to give a quarterly report on services provided by the health department.

**SPEED LIMIT:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to lower the speed limit to 35 MPH on County Road 16 going past Plainview Colony due to safety reasons. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to declare the Telex system as surplus county property and allow the same to be sold. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Diane Geditz, Missy Kleffman, and Jodi Wagner to attend the SDACO Deputy Workshop in Pierre on June 11<sup>th</sup>; Gwen Geditz, Patricia Nigg, and Dionne Olson to attend the SDACO Spring Workshop in Pierre on May 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to allow Cody Peterson to attend Pepperball Instructor Training in Cottage Grove, MN on April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to allow Jordan Boulais, Jason Shaykett, and William Osborne to attend the Spring Mosquito Workshop in Aberdeen on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED:** The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN:** Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:47 p.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas  
Chairman of the Board

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

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