

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
March 24, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on March 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: Vaughn Beck, Andrea Carlson, Brittney Duvall, Betty Hoyle, Glenn Hoyle, Tracy Hutson, Brooke Jensen, Sandra Northrop, Dale Preszler, Larry Vetch, Jonathan Waldner, and Morgan Weisser.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Coral Sales Co, Radar Traffic Counter \$4,074.07; Phoenix Medication Management, Med Cart 2,541.69; SD Association of County Officials, Monthly M&P 166.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 120,351.58; SD Public Assurance Alliance, Insurance for two John Deere 614M tractors 610.55; Workers Compensation, Bryan Warner 1,521.13.

Law Enforcement Center: HMN Architects Inc \$5,919.04.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$136.64; Heartland Waste Management Inc. 170.00; Montana Dakota Utilities 6,664.17; Northern Electric 352.76; Venture Communications 86.64; Web Water 106.28.

Professional Services: Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$270.00; First Concord Benefits Group 52.50; Sanford Health 1,044.77; Taliaferro Law Firm 535.30.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra Cooperative \$36,636.66; Axon Enterprise Inc 129.60; Big State Industrial Supply 1,013.15; Bob Barker Company Inc 4,262.64; Century Business Products 168.89; Consolidated Electrical Distribution 315.00; Custom Installation Solutions 92.50; Dakota Ink and Toner 127.98; Dominiks Equipment 655.00; Eureka Manufacturing Co 1,994.00; Galls LLC 485.92; Guardian RFID 65.30; Heier's Body & Repair 98.31; Impact Recovery Systems 2,335.36; John Deere Financial 53.45; Ken's Food Fair 24.00; Menards 855.58; Poms Tire Service 1,318.96; Power Plan 251.54; Quality Quick Print 85.25; Runnings 620.40; Savvik Buying Group 177.98; Servall Uniform & Linen 42.40; Titan Machinery 1,641.29; Transource 6,700.00; US Bank 6,347.86; WEX Bank 1,625.36.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to accept the February 28, 2026, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total February Receipts -- \$865,923.16
Total February Disbursements -- \$1,311,162.11

Balance in Checking Account -- \$196,605.61
Today's Receipts -- \$42,692.52
Change -- \$1,300.00
Money Market -- \$373,545.84
SD FIT – Unassigned -- \$1,065,317.08
SD FIT – GO Bonds -- \$0
Money Certificates -- \$1,800,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- \$3,479,461.05

Edmunds County General Fund:		
Balance February 1, 2026	\$3,035,648.36	
February Receipts	166,348.30	
February Disbursements	252,659.12	
Balance February 28, 2026	\$2,949,337.54	Motion carried.

AIRCRAFT: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to table the Permit Application allowing Dakota Air Spray, to operate, take off, or land aircraft on Edmunds County roads for the year of 2026. Motion carried.

CREDIT CARD: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to allow Patrick S. Lesnar, Deputy Sheriff, to use a county credit card and WEX fuel card for county purchases only. Motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS: Lucas Nehlich met with the board to discuss moving the emergency siren located on his property at Mina Lake. No action was taken.

Justin Baer, Amber Beyers, Clayton Geist, Dawn Geist, Cindy Heinz, Garret Heinz, and Larry Heinz were present for a discussion on the Road Transfer Agreement between Edmunds County, Hillside Township, and Pipestone Management.

EMPLOYEES HIRED: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Payton N. Beidler as a full-time Jailer, at a salary of \$23.16 per hour, effective March 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Joseph D. Ertz as a full-time Jailer, effective March 30, 2026, at a salary of \$23.16 per hour. Motion carried.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreements, between Edmunds County and the Townships of Cloyd Valley, Cottonwood Lake and Hosmer for the rental of county blade/motor grader, snow removal equipment and an operator. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion from HMN Architects, Inc. and G.A. Johnson Construction. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to amend Sections 5 - Hours of work, 6 - Compensation, and 7 - Leaves of Absence of the Edmunds County Personnel Policy. Motion carried.

PLATS APPROVED: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy 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 Anderson First Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 22-T121N-R70W of the 5th P.M.; Plat of Bender First Addition in the NE ¼ of Section 22-T121N-R69W of the 5th P.M.; Plat of Curtis Addition in the SE ¼ NE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 5, T122N-R68W of the 5th P.M.; Plat of Hefty Seed Addition in the SW ¼ of Section 19, T123N-R71W of the 5th P.M.; Plat of Walz Addition in the NE ¼ of Section 21-T123N-R73W of the 5th 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 February 2026 in the amount of \$13,774.30. Motion carried.

SECURED: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, between Edmunds County and Dakota State University for the implementation of SecureSD. Motion Carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to declare Grayz the canine service dog as surplus county property and allow the same to be sold to Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to declare one 1991 CAT paving machine, VIN# 1BF00259, as surplus county property and allow the same to be sold at the April 20-22 Ulmer Auction. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to allow Daniel Braun, instead of previously approved Andrea Carlson, to attend the SD Sheriffs' Association Spring Sheriffs & Police Chiefs Conference in Deadwood on April 13th-16th; Andrea Carlson and Cody Peterson to attend Taser Instructor Training in Huron on May 13th - 14th. Motion Carried

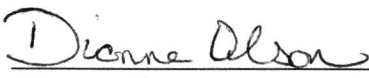
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to enter into executive session at 10:55 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:17 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 14th and 9:00 a.m. on April 28th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried.



Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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