

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
May 12, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on May 12, 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: Kyle Couchey, Blake Holland, Brooke Jensen, Wendy Knittel, Darren Malsam, Katie Moser, Cody Peterson, Dale Preszler, Jonathan Waldner, and Morgan Weisser.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: SD Public Assurance Alliance, Law Enforcement Center Insurance \$11,275.08; SD Association of County Commissioners, Catastrophic Legal 3,108.00; SD Association of County Officials, Monthly M&P 142.00; Workers Compensation, Bryan Warner 1,574.28.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$639.58; Century Link 67.48; Bowdle City Office 128.39; Hosmer City Office 92.50; Ipswich City Office 458.37; Midcontinent Communications 1,375.81; Montana Dakota Utilities 3,676.05; Reuer Sanitation 53.00; Roscoe City Office 92.40; Tri State Water 142.50; Valley Telecommunications 833.59; Verizon Wireless 119.13.

Professional Services: Avera St. Lukes \$873.00; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC 1,607.78; Vaughn Beck 1,975.61; Brown County Jail 300.00; Edmunds County Abstract 50.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office 1,080.00; Modern Day Health Care 6,000.00; Taliaferro Law Firm 470.30.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing \$152.28; The Pride of the Prairie 209.56.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registrations: The Lodge at Deadwood \$855.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: 3D Security Inc. \$500.00; Aberdeen Chrysler Center 339.84; Agtegra 79.04; Auto Value Parts Stores 757.65; Beadle Ford Inc 515.40; Benco Products Inc 1,129.30; Bob Barker Company Inc 202.68; Bowdle Building and Hardware Center Inc 19.37; Century Business Products 188.32; Charm-Tex Inc 3,467.80; Climate Control 304.95; Cole Papers Inc 249.55; Dakota Fluid Power Inc 1,613.34; Dakota Ink and Toner 189.99; Dollar General 113.78; Dominiks Equipment 3,329.00; Election Systems & Software 793.67; Expetec Of Aberdeen 825.60; Hansmeier & Sons Inc 880.50; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 273.14; Heinz Snow Removal 100.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc

1,770.45; John Deere Financial 35.27; Mac's Hardware 77.53; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Menards 414.13; Midstates Group 337.50; Minn-Kota Communications Inc 414.00; Pembroke Metal Fab LLC 141.12; PM Auto & Truck Repair 309.00; Quill Corporation 174.95; Sanitation Products 281.42; Schwan Electric Inc 1,417.70; Stan Houston Equipment 45.95; Twotrees Technologies 1,202.00; Town & Country Lumber 249.13; Transource 3,243.64; True North Steel 384.00; Wex Bank 2,819.78.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of April: 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 21,476.36; Sheriff's Department 47,463.86; (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun \$125.78; Cody Peterson 1,195.04; Jonathan Waldner 301.32); (County Overtime: Andrea Carlson \$180.00; Kyle Couchey 713.70; Lily Hohn 711.30; Nathan Jaenisch 735.30; Brooke Jensen 362.48; Patrick Lesnar 80.85); (On Call Pay: Daniel Braun \$216.50; Kyle Couchey 251.00; Cody Peterson 91.50); Emergency Management 1,571.00; Highway Department 58,653.94; 4-H 4,483.36; 24/7 Sobriety 247.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC \$2,173.28; Delta Dental 1,566.90; Colonial Life 739.22; First Concord Benefits Group 1,020.84; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 39,424.36; SD Retirement 23,091.14; Optilegra 218.43; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,812.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 609.61; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 38,500.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to pay all above claims except 3D Security Inc. Motion carried.

WEED & PEST BOARD MEETING: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to open the weed meeting at 9:32 a.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026 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 Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn the weed meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the quote from Vantek Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$4,880.00 for new panic buttons and Courthouse Door locks.

EMPLOYEES: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to hire Jillian Fischer as seasonal part-time assistant in the 4-H Department, at a salary of \$11.85 per hour, effective May 20, 2026 through August 21, 2026. The county will be reimbursed by the Edmunds County 4-H Leaders Association. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Brent Koens as a part-time Deputy Sheriff, effective May 12, 2026, at a salary of \$25.90 per hour. Motion carried.

ESCROW AGREEMENT: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to table the Escrow agreement with Century Swine RE, LLC. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL POLICY: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to amend Section 6 - Compensation of the Edmunds County Personnel Policy to reimburse Highway employees for costs associated with obtaining medical cards for CDL compliance . Motion carried.

SPEED LIMIT: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH on County Road 30.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to allow Morgan Weisser to attend Youth Livestock Literacy training in Cresbard on May 22nd and in Faulkton on June 5th. Motion carried.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 27th and June 4th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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