

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA
June 23, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 23, 2026 at the county courthouse. Members present were: Dean Mehlhaff, Micheal J. Geditz, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas. Absent William Tweedy. Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Others present for portions of the meeting were: Vaughn Beck, Lenny Braun, Andrea Carlson, Audie Crouch, Brittany Duvall, Brooke Jensen, Wendy Knittel, Pat Lesnar, Katie Moser, Sandra Northrop, Dale Preszler, Jerome Schaffner, Donna Wagner, Robert Wagner, Jonathan Waldner, Morgan Weisser.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Bobcat of Aberdeen, Tilt bed trailer \$11,500.00; Bowdle Municipal Fire Department, Motorola Refund 21,183.85; SD Association of County Officials, Monthly M&P 172.00; SD Department of Revenue, Malt Beverage Licenses 450.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license, 147,034.79.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office \$144.89; Montana Dakota Utilities 3,534.78; Northern Electric 293.52; Roscoe City Office 91.20; Venture Communications 86.54; Web Water 115.19.

Professional Services: Avera St. Lukes Dietician Services \$126.00; Vaughn Beck 1,969.67; Children's Home Society 450.00; Chrisopher Dohrer 393.50; First Concord Benefits Group 60.00; Modern Day Healthcare 6,000.00; Richardson, Wyle, Wise, Sauck 57.00; Sanford Health OCCMED 223.00; Freddrikke Stroeh 125.00; Taliaferro Law Firm 2,898.70; Yankton County Treasurer 153.75.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: SD Association of Assessing Officers \$500.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$2,105.92; Agtegra Cooperative 18,518.28; Auto Value Parts Stores 1,024.01; Benco Equipment 810.17; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 6.99; Century Business Products 357.29; Cole Papers Inc 420.43; Dakota Fluid Power Inc 159.96; Election Systems & Software 111.30; Expetec of Aberdeen 892.97; Farm Power MFG Inc 289.16; Fischer Repair 13.49; Heartland Waste Management 170.00; HIP2 LLC 350.12; John Deere Financial 203.46; Midstates Group 108.75; Newman Traffic Signs 351.07; Powerplan 3,052.10; Saylor Concrete Construction 12,749.00; Schwan Electric Inc 683.56; Servall 42.40; Shop 4-H/National 4-H Council 215.85; Totally Tubular MFG Inc 48.00; Transource 2,804.07; True North

Steel Inc 423.36; United Tactical Systems LLC 120.00; Van Diest Supply Company 2,480.00; US Bank 9,007.89; Wallwork Truck Center 136.42; Wex Bank 2,728.11. Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to pay all above claims. Motion carried.

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

Total May Receipts -- \$1,041,640.99
Total May Disbursements -- \$4,681,280.82

Balance in Checking Account -- \$1,412,335.95
Today's Receipts -- \$28,199.60
Change -- \$1,300.00
Money Market -- \$339,612.87
SD FIT – Unassigned -- \$1,073,994.83
SD FIT – GO Bonds -- \$0
Money Certificates -- \$1,800,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- \$4,655,443.25

Edmunds County General Fund:

Balance May 1, 2026	\$4,245,132.94	
May Receipts	127,194.29	
May Disbursements	296,468.87	
Balance May 31, 2026	\$4,075,858.36	Motion carried.

CLOSE HIGHWAY: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to allow the Mina Lake Celebrations Committee to close County Highway #32 (old Hwy 12) from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 3, 2026, between Lucinda Lane and North Sunset Drive for fireworks display from county bridge. Also allowing the closure of Nesbitt Drive on the morning of July 4, 2026 for the 4th of July parade. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Cyril Kaiser met with the board to discuss transparency of taxpayer funding subjects as well as accountability and checkups of approach and utility crossing permits. No action was taken.

DRIVERS LICENSING: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreement, between Edmunds County and the SD Department of Public Safety, Driver Licensing Program to have the County perform the issuance of Driver's licenses. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Deanna Hagedorn as a full-time Dispatcher, at a salary of \$22.71 per hour, effective June 15, 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to accept the Sheriff's termination of Elenilson Belloso, part-time Dispatcher, effective June 10, 2026. Motion carried.

GROW SOUTH DAKOTA: Rachael Cramond from GROW South Dakota met with the Board to inform them of the different programs offered through GROW SD and gave a report on where funds have been spent in Edmunds County for the year of 2025.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to approve their \$5,000 request for the year of 2027. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to purchase one new 2026 Midsota NTB22-BP-176 trailer, from JGE, in the amount of \$11,500.00, for the Weed Department. Motion carried.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the Joint Powers Agreement between Edmunds County and the City of Bowdle, for the rental of county spray equipment and one Edmunds County highway employee at the rate of \$80.00 per hour, for the purpose of spraying mosquitoes within the City of Hosmer, for the year of 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve and allow the chairman to sign the joint powers agreements, between Edmunds County and the Township of Montpelier for the rental of county blade/motor grader, snow removal equipment and an operator. Motion carried.

PLATS APPROVED: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler 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: Malsom Addition in the SW ¼ of Section 13, T123N-71W of the 5th P.M.; Weisser Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 26, 122N-70W of the 5th P.M. Motion carried.

POST-ELECTION AUDIT: The Republican Governor and the Republican Commissioner races in Precincts 3 were audited by the Edmunds County Post-Election Auditing Board on June 16, 2026. The Precinct 3 results were: Rhoden 37, Hansen 46, Johnson 24, Doeden 56, Gauer 66, Geditz 90.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the Edmunds County primary post-election manual count audit results, which matched the June 2, 2026 election night machine count and the June 4, 2026 County canvass with 100% accuracy. Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of May 2026 in the amount of \$6,931.45. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to allow Morgan Weisser to attend the 4-H Horse Show in Leola on June 24th and the SD State Fair in Huron on August 31st – September 7th. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to enter into executive session at 10:19 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1), (3). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:53 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 14th and July 29th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Preszler to adjourn at 11:52 a.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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