COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

July 14, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on July 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: Hailey Bierman, Jason Braun, Keith Burgod, Andrea Carlson, Brittney Duvall, Tracy Hutson, Brooke Jensen, Lance Perrion, Leona Pitz, Dale Preszler, Jonathan Waldner, and Morgan Weisser.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Bowdle Hospital, Health Contract $22,000.00; Butler Machinery, Schulte Ditch Hitch 32,097.95; Edmunds County Treasurer, Highway Trailer license and title 28.70; Guardian Fleet Safety, 5 Intel Core Computers and Adapters 19,338.10; North Central Regional E911, Phone Surcharge 17,300.82; Primary Election payroll and mileage 7,007.65; Safe Habor, Marriage & Driver's License Fees 310.00; SD Association of County Officials, Monthly M&P 124.00; Workers Compensation, Bryan Warner 3,095.41.

Election Polling Location Rent: Hosmer Rural Fire Department $200.00; The M Station 200.00; Roscoe Volunteer Fire Department 200.00.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility $639.58; Century Link 67.48; Bowdle City Office 136.64; Heartland Waste Management Inc 590.00; Hosmer City Office 85.00; Ipswich City Office 541.55; Midcontinent Communications 1,033.34; Montana Dakota Utilities 57.57; Reuer Sanitation 53.00; Roscoe City Office 91.20; Tri State Water 219.75; Valley Fibercom 920.68; Vantek Communications 30.00; Verizon Wireless 119.16; Web Water 166.73.

Professional Services: Vaughn Beck $1,974.14; Cogley Law Office 195.20; Fist Concord Benefits Group 60.00; Katie Hogie 125.00; Kuck Law Office 5,527.94; Modern Day Healthcare 295.00; Freddrikke Stroeh 125.00.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registrations: NASASP $39.00; Ramkota Hotel 336.00; SD Association of County Commissioners 60.00; SDSU Extension 180.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing $1,305.58; The Pride of the Prairie 324.53.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Aberdeen Chrysler Center $10,684.83; Agtegra 13,606.36; Applied Concepts Inc 1,659.00; Auto Value Parts Store 619.26; Automatic Building

Controls 843.37; Bowdle Building & Hardware Center 23.12; Brick & Grain 8,670.00; Century Business Products 189.73; Charm-Tex Inc 112.70; Combined Building Specialties 366.78; Crawford Trucks & Equipment 1,175.88; Dakota Electronics 337.75; Dakota Fluid Power 430.45; Dakota Ink and Toner 111.98; Diesel Machinery Inc 3,979.70; Dollar General 234.21; Equipment Blades Inc 4,200.00; Expetec of Aberdeen 892.97; Galls LLC 399.23; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 984.18; John Deere Financial 53.70; Ken's Foodfair 155.72; McLeod's Office Supply 159.90; Menards 1,488.57; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Midstates Group 410.00; National 4-H Council E-Commerce 125.60; PB Metal Fab LLC 461.12; Pembrook Hutterian Brethren 374.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants 1,153.92; Pheasantland Industries Inc 1,274.23; Pro Ag Supply Inc 877.84; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 124.29; Schurrs 115.00; Stan Houston Equipment Company 289.90; Stryker Sales LLC 348.00; The Glass Dokter 665.00; Transource 1,322.22; Twotrees Technologies 1,202.00; US Bank 6,683.65; Wallwork Truck Center 59.64; WEX Bank 3,021.03.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of June: 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 9,199 50; Register of Deeds 9,157.50; Veteran Service Officer 1,445.50; Jail 41,689.86; Sheriff's Office 47,169.85; (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun $440.22; Patrick Lesnar 161.70; Cody Peterson 377.33; Jonathan Waldner 477.09); (County Overtime: Brayden Buller $425.57; Andrea Carlson 540.00; Sara Eilers 23.16; Joseph Ertz 23.16; Marcus Hofer 428.88; Scott Hedlund 264.76; Lily Hohn 426.76; Nathan Jaenisch 438.78; Cody Peterson 419.25; Cynthia Sahli 373.43; Jose Venegas 461.81); (On Call Pay: Daniel Braun $154.00; Kyle Couchey 90.50; Cody Peterson 154.50); Emergency Management 1,571.00; Coroner 300.00; Highway Department 54,904.93; Weeds 2,226.66; 4-H 4,433.97; 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 44,904.64; SD Retirement 27,109.18; Optilegra 277.34; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,912.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 638.63; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 45,712.00; MASA 463.00.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to accept the June 30, 2026, Financial Statement for Edmunds County as follows:

Total June Receipts -- $1,199,799.69
Total June Disbursements -- $1,078,206.10

Balance in Checking Account -- $1,227,089.56
Today's Receipts -- $26,150.86
Change -- $1,300.00
Money Market -- $645,502.98
SD FIT – Unassigned -- $1,076,993.44
SD FIT – GO Bonds -- $0
Money Certificates -- $1,800,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- $4,777,036.84

Edmunds County General Fund:		
Balance June 1, 2026	$4,075,858.36	
June Receipts	55,001.54	
June Disbursements	314,115.85	
Balance June 30, 2026	$3,816,744.05	Motion carried.

BRIDGES: Michael Gutenkauf and Chelsey Sheridan, IMEG Engineering Corporation, presented the board with information on the Local Federal Bridge Preliminary Engineering Program.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to allow the Chairman to sign the resolution to apply for Federal Funding. 5 yes votes, motion carried.

EMPLOYEES: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the resignation of Lenny J. Braun, full-time Jailer, effective July 5, 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Lenny J. Braun as part-time Jailer, effective July 6, 2026, at a salary of $23.16 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Colton R. Heier as full-time Jailer, effective July 13, 2026, at a salary of $23.16 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Tweedy to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Nathan C. Jaenisch as full-time Jailer, effective July 12, 2026, at a salary of $24.16 per hour. Motion carried.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE: Motioned by Tweedy to increase the annual clothing allowance for Highway employees and Sheriff Deputies from $200.00 to $500.00. Motion rescinded by Tweedy for further discussion.

DISCUSSIONS: Julie Burgod met with the board to discuss Belle Dairy/Riverview concerns. No action was taken.

Garett Heinz was present for public comment and discussed enforcement and violation of County Zoning Ordinances. No action was taken.

EMERGENCY SIREN: Lucas Nehlich presented the board with a quote for moving the emergency siren on his property at Mina Lake.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to split the cost of $8,225.00 with the property owner. Motion carried.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the Joint Powers Agreement between Edmunds County and the City of Hosmer, 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.

NECOG AGREEMENT: Kayla Heuer and Lesleann Palmer, Northeast Council of Governments, met with the Board to discuss the need and time frame for updating the county's emergency response plans.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff, to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the agreement with the Northeast Council of Governments for the purpose of assistance in completing the Edmunds County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. 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.

RECORDING OF MEETINGS: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to table the discussion on audio recording of the Commissioner meetings. Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of June 2026 in the amount of $4,098.60. Motion carried.

SHERIFF: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Preszler to allow the sheriff to purchase five new computer mounts for patrol vehicles in the amount of $3,600.00. Motion carried.

SPEED LIMIT: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to lower the speed limit to 40 MPH on County Road 2. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIPS: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to allow Edmunds County States Attorney to pursue civil action against any Township that does not turn in mandatory paperwork by the March 31st deadline. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Morgan Weisser to attend the SDSU Fall Conference in Aberdeen on September 21st – 23rd; Sandra Northrop to attend the Annual Assessor School in Pierre on September 14th – 18th; Brittney Duvall, Diane Geditz, Gwen Geditz, Missy Kleffman, Wendy Knittel, Patty Nigg, Sandra Northrop, Dionne Olson, Dale Preszler, Jody Wagner and Morgan Weisser to attend Cybersecurity Training in Aberdeen on July 14th. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Wendy Knittel and Dale Preszler to attend SDACHS Highway Office Personnel Workship in Pierre on August 12th. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to enter into executive session at 10:00 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:06 a.m.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to enter into executive session at 11:43 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:46 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 29th and August 11th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to adjourn at 11:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: Dionne Olson
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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