COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

August 11, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on August 11, 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, Amber Beyers, Kyle Couchey, Justin Davis, Larry Heinz, Glenn Hoyle, Wendy Knittel, Lance Perrion, Dale Preszler, Jerome Schaffner, Rick Schumacher.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Tweedy to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Edmunds County Clerk of Courts, Restitution overpayment $2,728.28; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees, & driver's license 131,897.33; SD Department of Transportation, bridge #4 cost share, 216.43.

4-H Judging and Mileage: Bridget Fuhrmann $63.01; Janet Fuhrmann 63.10; Leann Gjernes 110.00; Karen Harr 115.60; Mike Hassebroek 78.50; Bradyn Lachenmeier 483.40; Dylan Perrion 40.00; Sherry Perrion 40.00; Katie Steen 40.00; Myra Toennies 54.00; Megan Zinter 84.88.

Phone & Utilities: AT&T Mobility $639.86; Century Link 67.63; Hosmer City Office 107.50; Ipswich City Office 511.64; Midcontinent Communications 1,029.13; Reuer Sanitation 53.00; Tri State Water 193.35; Valley Fibercom 842.74; Verizon Wireless 119.19.

Professional Services: Vaughn Beck $2,023.35; Katie Hogie 125.00; SD Public Health Lab 200.00.

Publishing: Gibson Publishing $680.13; The Pride of the Prairie 448.92.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra $102.94; Auto Value Parts Store 980.75; Bob Barker Company Inc 328.80; Brick & Grain 23,358.00; Century Business Products 200.35; Crawford MSDF Inc 477.00; Custom Installation Solutions 618.50; Dakota Fluid Power 477.83; Dakota Structured Cabling 2,418.07; Dollar General 297.20; Expetec of Aberdeen 2,371.97; Fastenal Company 65.21; Geffdog Designs 115.00; Hanco Corporation 390.72; Heier's Body & Repair Shop 343.00; Jebro Inc 30,836.94; Ken's Foodfair 232.63; Kubota 594.13; Lewis Drug 50.98; Lien Transportation 109,332.00; Mac's Hardware 103.74; Matrix Sciences 205.70; Menards 212.56; Microfilm Imaging Systems 767.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants 1,153.04; Powerplan 4,910.11; Premier Equipment LLC 80.40; Pressure Washer Central 17.18; Rockmount Research 1,013.31;

Sewer Duck 276.00; SD State 4-H office 85.00; Steven Lust Automotive 570.33; Transource 3,466.23; Twotrees Technologies 1,202.00; US Bank 6,329.96; WEX Bank 3,348.17.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of July: 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 51,549.33; Sheriff's Office 57,325.03; (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun $712.73; Kyle Couchey 1,808.04; Patrick Lesnar 242.55; Cody Peterson 503.10; Jonathan Waldner 451.98); (Trail Days Overtime Pay: Daniel Braun $503.10; Andrea Carlson 540.00; Kyle Couchey 570.96; David Hunter 466.20; Brent Koens 466.20; Cody Peterson 503.10); (County Overtime: Daniel Braun $419.25; Lenny Braun 350.40; Brayden Buller 356.09; Donald Charlton 702.30; Sara Eilers 541.47; Joseph Ertz 564.84; Marcus Hofer 428.88; Scott Hedlund 289.92; Lily Hohn 23.71; Nathan Jaenisch 296.52; Robin Lesnar 581.04; Darren Olson 563.22; Chet Peterson 437.88; Cody Peterson 293.45; Cynthia Sahli 853.56; Jose Venegas 495.36); (On Call Pay: Daniel Braun $143.00; Kyle Couchey 120.00; Patrick Lesnar 4.00; Cody Peterson 93.50); Emergency Management 1,571.00; Highway Department 56,411.30; Weeds 3,195.32; 4-H 4,917.91; 24/7 Sobriety 247.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC $2,173.28; Delta Dental 1,429.40; Colonial Life 640.08; First Concord Benefits Group 1,020.84; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 49,151.61; SD Retirement 29,501.78; Optilegra 213.09; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,912.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 599.74; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 46,842.00; MASA 482.00.

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

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

Total July Receipts -- $762,936.85
Total July Disbursements -- $1,282,168.78

Balance in Checking Account -- $424,004.95
Today's Receipts -- $18,652.73
Change -- $1,300.00
Money Market -- $933,936.15
SD FIT – Unassigned -- $1,079,911.08
SD FIT – GO Bonds -- $0
Money Certificates -- $1,800,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- $4,257,804.91

Edmunds County General Fund:
Balance July 1, 2026 $3,816,744.05

July Receipts	136,244.19	
July Disbursements	320,108.03	
Balance July 31, 2026	$3,632,880.21	Motion carried.

BUDGET REQUESTS: Andrea Carlson, Brittney Duvall, Gwen Geditz, Brooke Jensen, Patricia Nigg, Dionne Olson, Jonathan Waldner, and Morgan Weisser all met with the board to review their budget requests for 2027.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to move forward with the approved grant for Courthouse Security. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Samantha Lesnar as full-time Dispatcher, effective August 26, 2026, at a salary of $22.71 per hour. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Sara L. Eilers and Joseph D. Ertz as Jail Sergeants, effective July 28, 2026, at a salary of $26.50 per hour. Motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS: Julie Burgod met with the board to discuss the manure line easement, zoning ordinances and requested to be on the next agenda. No action was taken.

Cynthia Heinz was present for public comment and discussed concerns with the manure line easement. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter into executive session at 10:52 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:09 a.m.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter into executive session at 11:15 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 11:38 a.m.

HIGHWAY: Motioned by Mehlhaff, seconded by Geditz to approve the use of the Edmunds County permit for self-application of dust control. Motion carried.

Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Tweedy to table the right-of-way easement for temporary manure lines. Motion carried.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on August 25th and September 3rd.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: Dionne Olson

Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

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