COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

September 29, 2026

The Edmunds County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 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: Scott Braun, Julie Burgod, Keith Burgod, Brittney Duvall, Blake Holland, Glenn Hoyle, Wendy Knittel, Brooke Jensen, Katie Moser, Patricia Nigg, Dale Preszler, Jonathan Waldner, Taylor Weigel, and Morgan Weisser.

MINUTES APPROVED: Motioned by Geditz, seconded by Mehlhaff to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED: Edmunds County Treasurer, Mack Truck Title, $33.20; NOVO Solutions Inc, Highway/Weeds Software 5,250.00; SD Association of County Officials, Monthly M&P 154.00; SD Department of Public Safety, Teletype 4,260.00; SD Department of Revenue, motor vehicle, state fees & driver's license 131,918.88; Bryan Warner, Workers Comp 1,692.60.

Phone & Utilities: Bowdle City Office $136.89; Heartland Waste Management 270.00; Hosmer City Office 107.50; Montana Dakota Utilities 3,756.97; Northern Electric 231.95; Roscoe City Office 100.40; Tri State Water 171.30; Valley Fibercom 812.34; Venture Communications 86.88; Verizon Wireless 119.19; Web Water 105.83.

Professional Services: Avera St. Lukes $121.60; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer 1,134.15; Vaughn Beck 1,981.45; Courtney Couchey 125.00; Edmunds County Abstract 125.00; First Concord Benefits Group 60.00; Lincoln County Auditor 360.73; Modern Day Healthcare 6,230.00; Tammy Pitz 375.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauk & Hieb 195.20; SD Public Health Lab 250.00; Sanford Health 2,734.00; Sanford Health OCMED 122.00; Taliaferro Law Firm 287.30.

Travel Expenses, Dues & Registration: SD LTAP $125.00; SD Veterans Service Officers Association 100.00.

Supplies, Parts & Repairs: Agtegra $27,528.12; Brent's Septic Pumping 208.40; Butler Machinery 1,023.60; Century Business Products 357.15; Charm-Tex Inc 436.00; Clarke Mosquito Control Products 104.20; Cole Papers Inc 850.28; Custom Installation Solutions 4,180.00; D&L Diesel Inc 1,753.00; Dakota Ink and Toner 111.98; Diamond S Heating & Cooling LLC 664.40; Dollar General 6.33; Election Systems & Software

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999.24; Equipment Blades Inc 11,615.28; Eureka Plumbing 1,281.12; Expetec of Aberdeen 960.47; Heier's Body & Repair 2,882.64; John Deere Financial 170.00; Krohmer Plumbing 2,154.32; Lien Transportation 2,282.40; Mcleods Office Supply 811.99; Menards 296.35; Mid-America Research Chemical 210.36; Olson's Pest Technicians 325.00; Pheasantland Industries 344.12; Pomp's Tire Service 8,210.59; Roscoe Trustworthy Hardware 63.68; Runnings Supply Inc 47.96; Safety Service Inc 30.00; Schwan Electric 715.86; Servall Uniform & Linen 41.90; True North Steel Inc 13,495.20; US Bank 4,363.16; Vantek Communications 40.00; Wallwork Truck Center 286.01; WEX Bank 3,140.16.

Salaries of Officers and Employees for Month of September: 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 57,708.13; Sheriff's Office 58,856.13; (Highway Safety Grant: Daniel Braun $377.33; Kyle Couchey 1,308.45; Patrick Lesnar 242.55; Chet Peterson 565.99; Cody Peterson 2,599.36; Jonathan Waldner 6,595.56); (County Overtime: Brayden Buller $428.88; Joseph Ertz 218.63; Scott Hedlund 221.94; Colton Heier 434.25; Marcus Hofer 212.94; Nathan Jaenisch 377.40; Robin Lesnar 438.78; Darren Olson 258.93; Cynthia Sahli 426.78; Jose Venegas 177.45; Ashley Wandry 427.38); (On Call Pay: Daniel Braun $122.00; Kyle Couchey 142.50; Patrick Lesnar 17.00; Chet Peterson 125.00; Cody Peterson 134.00); Emergency Management 1,571.00; Highway Department 57,852.77; Weeds 993.82; 4-H 4,275.04; 24/7 Sobriety 247.00.

Payroll Deductions and Benefits: AFLAC $2,173.28; Delta Dental 1,374.50; Colonial Life 630.02; First Concord Benefits Group 1,020.84; Ipswich State Bank, social security, withholding, and fees 51,839.58; SD Retirement 30,568.06; Optilegra 213.09; SD Supplemental Retirement 1,912.04; Washington National Health Insurance 23.95; Standard Insurance 543.74; Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 45,236.00; MASA 479.00.

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

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

Total August Receipts -- $621,143.92
Total August Disbursements -- $964,155.08

Balance in Checking Account -- $190,260.73
Today's Receipts -- $24,339.17
Change -- $1,300.00
Money Market -- $835,312.75
SD FIT – Unassigned -- $1,082,931.10

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SD FIT – GO Bonds -- $0
Money Certificates -- $1,800,000.00
Total Cash Assets -- $3,934,143.75

Edmunds County General Fund:		
Balance August 1, 2026	$3,632,880.21	
August Receipts	160,591.09	
August Disbursements	331,968.45	
Balance August 31, 2026	$3,461,502.85	Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – NAMING BRIDGE ON COUNTY ROAD 32: The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Tweedy, who moved its adoption: Resolution #2026-9-2. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded by Mehlhaff. Roll call vote: Mehlhaff - yes, Geditz – yes, Preszler - yes, Thomas – yes, Tweedy - yes. Resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the County of Edmunds, State of South Dakota, has the responsibility to construct and maintain all bridges upon county roads within the County of Edmunds, and may thereby designate a name for a particular bridge by resolution of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County of Edmunds, State of South Dakota, is responsible for the bridges on Edmunds County Road 32; and

WHEREAS, the County of Edmunds, State of South Dakota, hereby designates the Bridge identified as 23-474-090 located on Edmunds County Road 32 to be referred to as the "Emerson Schaunaman Memorial Bridge".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County of Edmunds, State of South Dakota, as follows:

The Bridge identified as 23-474-090 located on Edmunds County Road 32 shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Emerson Schaunaman Memorial Bridge".

APPOINTMENT: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to appoint Timothy Thomas as commissioner representing Edmunds County on the Northeast Council of Governments board for a term ending December 31, 2027. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Preszler to increase the salary of Lenny Braun, Donald Charlton, Scott Hedlund and Darren Olson, Jailers, to $24.16 per hour, effective September 23, 2026. Motion carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to accept the resignation of Jose Venegas, full-time Jailer, effective September 27, 2026. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SAFETY: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the signed 2027 Highway Safety Project Grant agreement in the amount of $50,000.00. Motion carried.

JAIL: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to approve and allow the chairman to sign the Jail Rental Agreement, with Charles Mix County, to provide housing for inmates, in the Edmunds County Jail, at a rate of $110.00 per day for each prisoner. Motion carried.

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PLATS APPROVED: Motioned by Tweedy, 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; plat of Forkel Addition in the SE¼ of Section 10, Township 124-70; plat of Furman First Addition in the SE¼ SW¼ of Section 13, Township 123-66. Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to accept the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees for the month of August 2026 in the amount of $4,639.10. Motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Mehlhaff to allow Dale Preszler to attend the Annual Local Road Conference in Sioux Falls on October 19th – 21st. Motion Carried.

Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Geditz to allow Daniel Braun, Joey Ertz, and Jonathan Waldner to attend the South Dakota Sheriffs Association Fall Conference in Watertown on October 14th; and Jonathan Waldner to attend LECC Training in Sioux Falls on October 26th – 28th. Motion carried.

TREASURER: Discussion was held to possibly move the Treasurer's office to the 1st floor of the Courthouse. Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to leave the Treasurer's office on the 2nd floor. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned by Preszler, seconded by Geditz to enter into executive session at 9:49 a.m., according to SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried. Executive session declared over at 10:09 a.m.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED: The next regular Edmunds County Commissioner Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 13th and October 27th.

ADJOURN: Motioned by Tweedy, seconded by Mehlhaff to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. Motion carried.

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Timothy Thomas
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: _____
Dionne Olson
Edmunds County Auditor

Published once at the total approximate cost of $_____.

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