RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – January 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Mathern at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Connie Gilbert, Norm Hansen, Neil Olerud, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern.

Agenda- Chairman Mathern called for any additions/revisions to the agenda. Human Resources was added to the agenda. Gilbert moved to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Hansen. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes- Minutes from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on January 4, 2022 were considered. Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills- In the amount of $106,369.47 were reviewed by the board. Gilbert moved to approve the bills in the amount of $106,369.47, seconded by Hansen. All aye. Motion carried.

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| **Vendor Name** | **Amount** |
| ADVANCED ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL | 1,343.75 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES | 264.97 |
| BIRKLID, EUGENE | 53.40 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC. | 7,881.32 |
| CMRS-FP | 1,000.00 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS | 1,324.00 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY | 3,620.00 |
| D. EXCAVATING | 13,880.22 |
| DAHL, DAVID | 53.40 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER | 2,078.42 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS | 45.00 |
| DHIA LABORATORIES | 135.00 |
| DICK, CHRISTY | 600.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 1,439.82 |
| ENDERLIN INDEPENDENT | 259.00 |
| ERDMANN, STACY | 33.51 |
| EVERSPRING INN & SUITES | 172.80 |
| FRIDRYCH, SARA | 82.83 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY | 8.98 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN | 50.00 |
| GOWAN CONSTRUCTION, INC. | 17,760.57 |
| GREGOR, ANISSA | 55.74 |
| HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. | 203.80 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY | 58.11 |
| HOPKINS, ROBERTA | 99.93 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY | 75.00 |
| JAMES/VALLEY REGIONAL LODGE #4 | 78.00 |
| KELLER, MALLORY | 750.00 |
| KELLY, FALLON M. | 1,250.36 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 1,814.24 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN | 31.94 |
| LESMANN, PEGGY | 65.00 |
| LISBON OIL COMPANY | 8,445.24 |
| LISBON POSTMASTER | 234.00 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE | 244.69 |
| LYONS, JEFFREY | 35.85 |
| LYONS, MATTHEW | 39.36 |
| LYONS, NATHAN | 38.78 |
| MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME | 4.02 |
| MATHERN, JOE | 41.70 |
| MATTHEW BENDER & CO. INC | 241.31 |
| MICHAELSON, TIM | 84.55 |
| NAT. ASSN. OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH | 200.00 |
| ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | 32.00 |
| ND CLERKS ASSOCIATION | 100.00 |
| ND COUNTY RECORDER'S ASSOCIATION | 200.00 |
| ND COUNTY TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION | 100.00 |
| NDACE | 150.00 |
| NDEMA | 50.00 |
| OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR | 13,000.00 |
| OLERUD, NEIL | 71.76 |
| OLSON, JERRY | 41.70 |
| OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY | 1,795.44 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 2,332.53 |
| POOR SIDE REPAIR | 1,115.78 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC | 868.86 |
| QUAL, ANGELA | 250.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION | 900.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE | 646.96 |
| RANSOM COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE | 2,601.47 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO | 2,661.47 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC | 16.00 |
| RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER | 231.00 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT | 742.69 |
| SCHWAB, GREG | 45.21 |
| SEMCA | 10,000.00 |
| SOUTHEAST CO. COMM. ASSOC. | 350.00 |
| STANSBERY, DON | 41.70 |
| THE MASTERS TOUCH, LLC | 1,354.37 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS | 127.67 |
| UTKE, DAVE | 59.25 |
| WELTON TIRE SERVICE | 146.50 |
| WELTON, BRENNA | 100.00 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC. | 58.50 |
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| Total | 106,369.47 |

Bridge Funding- Scott Smyth appeared before the board to let them know the ND DOT reached out and asked for a preliminary ranking of Fox Farm Bridge and the Anslem Bridge. Smyth reached out to Jeff Hopkins; Hopkins ranked Fox Farm bridge as the highest priority.

Storm Closure- Chairman Mathern closed the court house on Friday January 14th until 10:00 a.m. due to weather. The board discussed if employees should be paid for the two hours the court house was closed due to weather. Olerud moved to pay employees from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. due to Chairman Mathern closing the courthouse. Olerud, Schwab, and Mathern were in favor. Gilbert and Hansen were opposed.

It was discussed that in the future if there is a policy in place, the chairman should not veer from the current policy in place.

VSO- Joe Reinke has been working five days a week since January 1, 2022 and is questioning if he is now a one hundred percent benefited employee or eighty percent benefited employee. It was discussed multiple times during budget discussions, but nothing was ever finalized. Reinke passed out paperwork showing that Ransom County could use a veteran service officer one more day. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to make Joe Reinke a five day a week, 100 percent benefited employee. All aye. Motion passed. The board asked Joe Reinke to also go meet with the Sargent County Commission.

Farmers Union Insurance – Lance Gulleson appeared before the board to let them know the ND Insurance Reserve policy and the Inland Marine policy were both up for renewal. There were no changes for coverage or premiums this year. Gulleson thanked the county for their continued business.

Human Resources- Mathern passed a packet out from North Risk Partners with information about human resource consulting. Shannon Uecker will come down to present what they can offer Ransom County.

Enderlin Golf Course- Beer and liquor permits were submitted by the Enderlin Golf Course, along with two checks which were prorated for seven months. The board discussed, typically the Enderlin Golf Course beer and liquor permit is approved at the first meeting in March, which is why the board has approved a prorated price. Olerud moved, seconded by Hansen to approve the beer and liquor permit if they are willing to pay the full rate. All aye. Motion carried.

Storm Policy – The board discussed the current storm policy. Olerud moved to have the board of commissioners decide if the county should be open or closed. If it is closed employees will be paid. The sheriff’s department and road department will not get storm pay for working while the court house is closed. Mathern, Schwab, and Olerud, were in favor. Gilbert and Hansen opposed. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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