Ransom County Board of Commissioners

Budget Meeting – July 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norm Hansen at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Gilbert, Olerud, and Hansen. Absent: Mathern, and Schwab.

The agenda was reviewed. Hopkins was added to the agenda to discuss the culverts near Todd Larson’s on the county road. Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the agenda with the addition. Vote was unanimous.

Todd Larson Culverts – Hopkins recommend the county go with three round pipes versus two arch pipes to save the county roughly twenty-five thousand dollars. The three round pipes would have the same flow as the two pipes.

Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to go with the three round pipes instead of the two pipes to cut cost. Vote was unanimous.

Greg Schwab arrived.

Treasurer – Suzanne Anderson appeared before the board to let them know she plans to retire August 31, 2021.

Motor Vehicle – Anderson let the board know that it will be an option for motor vehicle branches to do driver’s licenses. Not many details have been released about what that all consist of, or what will be required yet. There will also be a new software program for the motor vehicle system coming in May.

Commission Budget – Gilbert would like to see some sort of increase in the commissioner’s salary due to inflation.

Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to up the salary for the commissioners by $50 per month. The vote was unanimous.

Telephone budget under the commissioner’s line item was cut to $100.

Wages – Olerud would like to see a $2.00 per hour across the board, and a few of the severely underpaid employees be brought up. Gilbert would like to see a $1.00 - $1.50 raise be given, Schwab thinks Ransom County wages are very low and the raise needs to be at least $2.00.

Fair board – Budget was discussed.

Abandoned cemeteries – Budget was discussed.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Hansen adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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