Ransom County Board of Commissioners

Budget Meeting – July 28, 2021 9:00 a.m.

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

Coroner – The budget for the coroner was discussed. No decision was made as Baumgartner was not present.

Enderlin Police Contract – Gentzkow went over the Enderlin Police contract for 2022, the new monthly payment will be $18,986.97 based off thirty one percent of the 2021 sheriff’s budget. Benneweis and Olerud will meet with the Mayor of Enderlin and the City Auditor to present the new numbers.

Pay Study – Tanya Wieler with Dakota Dynamics presented a pay study she had prepared for the county to the board. Wieler explained she had asked each department head to fill out a sheet for themselves and their deputies based on job duties, experience, and longevity with the county. Wieler also asked the department heads to list what counties they thought their office/duties were most comparable to. She then uses the NDACo, COLA, population, and a few other factors to come up with a pay plan. Wieler said the county shouldn’t automatically bump an individual to the next step, a satisfactory performance evaluation should be used in order to bump an employee up a step. The pay plan should be reviewed every three years. If the county wanted to get everyone at 100% value it would cost them $253,000 this year in just wages.

Ransom County Fair – Budget was discussed. Request came in at $120,000 board decided to cut the fair board budget to 105,000.

Cemetery – Budget has been $900 for many years, board agreed that is not enough. Budget was increased to $1500, $500 per cemetery.

Technology – Budget was set at $200,000.

Social Services – Indirect cost were set at $20,000.

Gentzkow passed out updated treasurer cash trial balances.

Veteran Service Officer – Reinke is requesting full time, board needs to find out what Sargent County is willing to pay.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Hansen adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

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