**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting – July 6, 2021

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

Chairman Hansen called for any additions/revisions to the agenda. Olerud moved to approve the agenda with the additions of Drain # 11 and the employee handbook discussion. Mathern seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on June 15, 2021 were considered. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the commission minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual warrants in the amount of $10190.78 were reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 6/23/21 | ACH 1095 | Cass County Electric Coop | $157.63 |
| 6/23/21 | ACH 1099 | Cass County Electric Coop | $475.15 |
| 6/20/21 | ACH 1094 | Great America Financial | $422.71 |
| 6/20/21 | ACH 1108 | Great America Financial | $292.72 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1073 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $216.86 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1074 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $46.53 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH1075 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $159.94 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1076 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $119.88 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1077 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $107.49 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1078 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $107.49- |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1079 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $4.10 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1080 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $325.03 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH1081 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $569.88 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1082 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $51.21 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1083 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $316.00 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1084 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $100.72 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1085 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $25.00 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1086 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $4.10 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1087 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $6.25 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1088 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $39.00 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1089 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $38.57 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1090 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $104.19 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1091 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $398.00 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1092 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $255.57 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1093 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $202.47 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH1103 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $145.90 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1104 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $50.98 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1105 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $1777.50 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1106 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $154.80 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1109 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $49.99 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1110 | Lisbon, City of | $65.50 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1114 | Lisbon, City of | $160.23 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1115 | Lisbon, City of | $26.60 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1116 | Lisbon, City of | $29.50 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1117 | Lisbon, City of | $10.00 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1096 | Marco | $140.60 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1097 | Marco | $116.06 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1107 | Marco | $188.35 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1111 | Marco | $140.60 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1102 | ND Game & Fish | $120.00 |
| 6/11/21 | ACH 1098 | Southeast Water Users | $61.50 |
| 6/14/21 | ACH 1112 | Voyager Fleet Systems, INC | $378.59 |
| 6/10/21 | ACH 1113 | Voyager Fleet Systems, INC | $42.06 |
| 6/20/21 | ACH 1100 | Wex Bank | $1980.00 |
| 6/20/21 | ACH 1101 | Wex Bank | $220.51 |
| TOTAL |  |  | $10,190.78 |

Greg Schwab discussed the meeting held in Sargent County regarding drain number 11. Schwab wasn’t one hundred precent sure they are assessing everything correctly or fairly. Ransom County Water Board is against it, the Sargent County Water board is in favor of this drain and assessing. Sargent County is trying to get an opinion from the Attorney General on how to assess Ransom County. Without the Ransom County Water Board being on board, Sargent County can not assess Ransom County. The residents who our board members have talked to are not in favor of this drain being a legal drain. In Ransom County this is a natural drain. The board has decided to leave it be.

VSO Officer – Joe Mathern met with Lyle Bopp from Sargent County regarding Joe Reinke becoming full time in 2022. Bopp and Sargent County are fine with that becoming a shared full-time position moving forward in January 2022. Sargent County is very happy with Joe Reinke and the work he is doing.

The employee handbook was then discussed. Gentzkow had sent a list of recommended changes from Chuck Horter with the NDACO. Discussion was had. Christine Opp will get ahold of Fallon Kelly States Attorney to see if he can attend the next meeting to discuss the possible changes.

Lance Gulleson with Farmers Union appeared before the board to discuss increasing the insurance coverage due to the cost of building products these days. Gilbert moved to increase the coverage of the courthouse to $6,500,000, Social Service building to $500,000, Public Health building to $650,000, and 1,100,000 on the county shop. The annual premium for the increased coverage would be $5,599 for the July 2021-July 2022. Olerud seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

Kristie Reinke – Tax director, would like to see the employees be allowed to take a 30-minute break once a month to do a group project in the community room. The project would be a no cost or very minimal cost. Reinke is hoping it will help morale, and allow employees to come together in a stress-free way to interact, and get a laugh. Reinke stated currently employees aren’t taking any breaks on a regular basis. If all employees in an office want to participate in the group project a note will be left in the office if citizens stop in, to stop in the community room for assistance.

Joe Mathern moved to allow employees to get once a month for thirty minutes of excitement. Seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried. If employees choose not to participate in the activity and want a thirty-minute break instead the board will handle as this arises. Crafting will be held the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

Jeff Hopkins, Scott Smyth, and Todd Larson arrived. Discussion was had regarding the Larson culvert. Hopkins had gotten some quotes from True North Steel. Hopkins advised the lead time to make the pipe was five to six weeks out. Hopkins gave information and quotes to the board he had received from Daleyn Baasch. Olerud moved to go with two ninety-inch pipe culverts with a headwall and flowable fill, seconded by Mathern. Hansen called for a roll call vote: Schwab – yes, Mathern – yes, Olerud – yes, Hansen – yes, Gilbert – yes. Motion passed.

Scott Smyth with KLJ appeared before the to present a bid from Gowan Construction for $151,616.20. Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve the bid from Gowan Construction for the bid of $151,616.20 on the Maple River & Virgil Schultz Bridge bank stabilization repair projects.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Hansen adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

ATTEST:

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