**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting – March 16, 2021

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, Joe Mathern, Neil Olerud, Greg Schwab, and Norm Hansen.

The agenda was reviewed. Chairman Hansen asked for any additions/revisions to the agenda. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the agenda. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from the previous commission meeting on March 2, 2021 were considered. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills and payroll were then reviewed. Mathern moved to approve bills and payroll, seconded by Schwab. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 6700 |  3/17/2021 | ALLEGHANY TOWNSHIP  | 2,580.14 |
| 6701 |  3/17/2021 | FORT RANSOM TOWNSHIP  | 4,679.93 |
| 6702 |  3/17/2021 | GALLAGHER, RANDY  | 56.98 |
| 6703 |  3/17/2021 | GILBERT, KIRSTEN  | 50.00 |
| 6704 |  3/17/2021 | HEGLE, KELSEY  | 116.15 |
| 6705 |  3/17/2021 | HOPKINS, ROBERTA  | 8.87 |
| 6706 |  3/17/2021 | ISLAND PARK TOWNSHIP  | 139.78 |
| 6707 |  3/17/2021 | LARSON, MEGHAN  | 114.14 |
| 6708 |  3/17/2021 | OPP, CHRISTINE  | 30.00 |
| 6709 |  3/17/2021 | RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION  | 700.00 |
| 6710 |  3/17/2021 | RUNCK, NICKELA  | 30.00 |
| 6711 |  3/17/2021 | SYDNA TOWNSHIP  | 8,154.90 |
| 6712 |  3/17/2021 | WELTON, BRENNA  | 100.00 |
| 6938 |  3/10/2021 | ALICETON TOWNSHIP  | 3,018.06 |
| 6939 |  3/10/2021 | ALLEGHANY TOWNSHIP  | 6,522.15 |
| 6940 |  3/10/2021 | BALE TOWNSHIP  | 4,781.94 |
| 6941 |  3/10/2021 | BIG BEND TOWNSHIP  | 4,225.27 |
| 6942 |  3/10/2021 | CASEY TOWNSHIP  | 6,829.32 |
| 6943 |  3/10/2021 | COBURN DRAIN DISTRICT #2  | 8,835.04 |
| 6944 |  3/10/2021 | COBURN TOWNSHIP  | 2,094.96 |
| 6945 |  3/10/2021 | ELLIOTT TOWNSHIP  | 2,979.39 |
| 6946 |  3/10/2021 | ENDERLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  | 411,366.85 |
| 6947 |  3/10/2021 | ENDERLIN PARK DISTRICT  | 53,287.34 |
| 6948 |  3/10/2021 | ENDERLIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  | 21,729.84 |
| 6949 |  3/10/2021 | ENDERLIN, CITY OF  | 494,800.91 |
| 6950 |  3/10/2021 | FORT RANSOM RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  | 5,902.51 |
| 6951 |  3/10/2021 | FORT RANSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT  | 123,888.64 |
| 6952 |  3/10/2021 | FORT RANSOM TOWNSHIP  | 4,256.21 |
| 6953 |  3/10/2021 | FORT RANSOM, CITY OF  | 2,379.30 |
| 6954 |  3/10/2021 | GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DIST.  | 15,057.97 |
| 6955 |  3/10/2021 | GREENE TOWNSHIP  | 6,792.62 |
| 6956 |  3/10/2021 | HANSON TOWNSHIP  | 5,267.82 |
| 6957 |  3/10/2021 | ISLAND PARK TOWNSHIP  | 12,552.39 |
| 6958 |  3/10/2021 | ISLEY TOWNSHIP  | 13,359.84 |
| 6959 |  3/10/2021 | KINDRED PUBLIC SCHOOLS  | 14,196.01 |
| 6960 |  3/10/2021 | LAMOURE SCHOOL DISTRICT  | 10,553.87 |
| 6961 |  3/10/2021 | LEONARD FIRE DISTRICT  | 2,819.00 |
| 6962 |  3/10/2021 | LIBERTY TOWNSHIP  | 8,131.59 |
| 6963 |  3/10/2021 | LISBON FIRE DISTRICT  | 24,998.35 |
| 6964 |  3/10/2021 | LISBON PARK DISTRICT  | 49,066.97 |
| 6965 |  3/10/2021 | LISBON SCHOOL DISTRICT  | 584,750.00 |
| 6966 |  3/10/2021 | LISBON, CITY OF  | 452,686.04 |
| 6967 |  3/10/2021 | LITCHVILLE-MARION PSD #46  | 29,793.20 |
| 6968 |  3/10/2021 | MCLEOD DRAIN DISTRICT #1  | 3,780.33 |
| 6969 |  3/10/2021 | MILNOR RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  | 13,514.00 |
| 6970 |  3/10/2021 | MILNOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  | 42,044.28 |
| 6971 |  3/10/2021 | MILNOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING FUND  | 11,213.97 |
| 6972 |  3/10/2021 | MILNOR SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL RESERVE  | 1,680.58 |
| 6973 |  3/10/2021 | MOORE TOWNSHIP  | 6,492.89 |
| 6974 |  3/10/2021 | NORTHLAND TOWNSHIP  | 12,304.36 |
| 6975 |  3/10/2021 | OAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT  | 56,351.11 |
| 6976 |  3/10/2021 | OWEGO TOWNSHIP  | 2,422.72 |
| 6977 |  3/10/2021 | PRESTON TOWNSHIP  | 5,200.16 |
| 6978 |  3/10/2021 | RANSOM CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  | 3,758.03 |
| 6979 |  3/10/2021 | RANSOM CO SENIOR CITIZENS  | 48,626.03 |
| 6980 |  3/10/2021 | RANSOM CO WATER RESOURCE DIST  | 60,175.50 |
| 6981 |  3/10/2021 | RANSOM COUNTY JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  | 19,106.94 |
| 6982 |  3/10/2021 | RANSOM COUNTY SOIL CONS. DIST. #37  | 15,044.30 |
| 6983 |  3/10/2021 | RED RIVER JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  | 18,347.69 |
| 6984 |  3/10/2021 | ROSEMEADE TOWNSHIP  | 5,466.19 |
| 6985 |  3/10/2021 | SANDOUN TOWNSHIP  | 4,270.76 |
| 6986 |  3/10/2021 | SCOVILLE TOWNSHIP  | 257.26 |
| 6987 |  3/10/2021 | SHELDON, CITY OF  | 9,701.58 |
| 6988 |  3/10/2021 | SHENFORD DRAIN #1  | 2,588.98 |
| 6989 |  3/10/2021 | SHENFORD TOWNSHIP  | 7,194.59 |
| 6990 |  3/10/2021 | SPRINGER TOWNSHIP  | 3,207.50 |
| 6991 |  3/10/2021 | STATE TREASURER  | 17,394.38 |
| 6992 |  3/10/2021 | SYDNA TOWNSHIP  | 8,423.61 |
| 6993 |  3/10/2021 | TRI-COUNTY DRAIN BOARD  | 67,468.76 |
| 6994 |  3/10/2021 | TULLER TOWNSHIP  | 4,368.01 |
| 6995 |  3/10/2021 | WYNDMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT  | 2,441.03 |
| 6996 |  3/16/2021 | ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  | 22,223.18 |
| 6997 |  3/16/2021 | NDPERS,GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE  | 47,823.36 |
| 6998 |  3/16/2021 | NDPERS,GROUP LIFE INSURANCE  | 882.63 |
| 6999 |  3/16/2021 | OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER  | 1,285.00 |
| 81042 |  3/16/2021 | AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP.  | 2,004.96 |
| 81043 |  3/16/2021 | ASSURITY  | 179.86 |
| 81044 |  3/16/2021 | COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE  | 547.00 |
| 81045 |  3/16/2021 | DISCOVERY BENEFITS  | 1,806.25 |
| 81046 |  3/16/2021 | NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS,PEBSCO  | 9,413.16 |
| 81047 |  3/16/2021 | RODENBURG LAW FIRM  | 741.94 |
| 81048 |  3/16/2021 | STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT,ND CHILD SUPPORT | 207.00 |
| 81049 |  3/16/2021 | UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA  | 416.00 |
| 81050 |  3/17/2021 | ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY  | 250.00 |
| 81051 |  3/17/2021 | ARAMARK  | 230.77 |
| 81052 |  3/17/2021 | BAYSHORE CITYSIDE  | 41.88 |
| 81053 |  3/17/2021 | CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.  | 3,885.63 |
| 81054 |  3/17/2021 | COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 1,666.98 |
| 81055 |  3/17/2021 | COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 2,040.93 |
| 81056 |  3/17/2021 | CVEMS OF LAMOURE  | 1,358.00 |
| 81057 |  3/17/2021 | DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY  | 306.72 |
| 81058 |  3/17/2021 | DAKOTA PLAINS AG  | 1,439.83 |
| 81059 |  3/17/2021 | DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP.  | 80.20 |
| 81060 |  3/17/2021 | DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS  | 45.00 |
| 81061 |  3/17/2021 | DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 1,797.14 |
| 81062 |  3/17/2021 | ESRI, INC.  | 1,000.00 |
| 81063 |  3/17/2021 | FARMERS UNION INSURANCE  | 49,962.00 |
| 81064 |  3/17/2021 | GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 135.84 |
| 81065 |  3/17/2021 | HOPE ELECTRIC INC  | 11,332.00 |
| 81066 |  3/17/2021 | IAAO  | 499.00 |
| 81067 |  3/17/2021 | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 311.40 |
| 81068 |  3/17/2021 | INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY  | 75.00 |
| 81069 |  3/17/2021 | JOHN DEERE CREDIT  | 38,165.19 |
| 81070 |  3/17/2021 | KINDRED FFA  | 50.00 |
| 81071 |  3/17/2021 | KLJ ENGINEERING LLC  | 273.22 |
| 81072 |  3/17/2021 | KRAZY KREFT  | 200.00 |
| 81073 |  3/17/2021 | LAKE AGASSIZ REGIONAL DEV. CORP.  | 3,000.00 |
| 81074 |  3/17/2021 | LAMOURE FFA  | 50.00 |
| 81075 |  3/17/2021 | LISBON OIL COMPANY  | 489.43 |
| 81076 |  3/17/2021 | LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 248.20 |
| 81077 |  3/17/2021 | MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME  | 424.98 |
| 81078 |  3/17/2021 | MARK, TODD  | 30.00 |
| 81079 |  3/17/2021 | MOORE LIBERTY TELEPHONE COMPANY  | 569.88 |
| 81080 |  3/17/2021 | NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON  | 40.18 |
| 81081 |  3/17/2021 | ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES, IN  | 7.00 |
| 81082 |  3/17/2021 | ND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ASSOC  | 100.00 |
| 81083 |  3/17/2021 | ND COUNTY RECORDER'S ASSOCIATION  | 200.00 |
| 81084 |  3/17/2021 | ND NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION  | 137.64 |
| 81085 |  3/17/2021 | NDSU  | 1,335.00 |
| 81086 |  3/17/2021 | OAKES/SC/FFA  | 50.00 |
| 81087 |  3/17/2021 | OLSON ACCOUNTING  | 16.00 |
| 81088 |  3/17/2021 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO  | 2,886.90 |
| 81089 |  3/17/2021 | QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC  | 868.86 |
| 81090 |  3/17/2021 | QUAL, ANGELA  | 250.00 |
| 81091 |  3/17/2021 | QUILL CORPORATION  | 1,065.90 |
| 81092 |  3/17/2021 | RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 749.40 |
| 81093 |  3/17/2021 | RECORD KEEPERS, LLC  | 16.00 |
| 81094 |  3/17/2021 | REINKE, JOSEPH  | 86.25 |
| 81095 |  3/17/2021 | RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS  | 2,923.04 |
| 81096 |  3/17/2021 | RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  | 1,528.08 |
| 81097 |  3/17/2021 | RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER  | 183.48 |
| 81098 |  3/17/2021 | SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 1,969.19 |
| 81099 |  3/17/2021 | SARGENT COUNTY EMS  | 3,000.00 |
| 81100 |  3/17/2021 | SARGENT COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL  | 50.00 |
| 81101 |  3/17/2021 | STURDEVANT'S INC  | 165.29 |
| 81102 |  3/17/2021 | THE HOME SHOP  | 316.60 |
| 81103 |  3/17/2021 | THOMASON LAW OFFICE, PC  | 765.00 |
| 81104 |  3/17/2021 | TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 297.86 |
| 81105 |  3/17/2021 | UNIFORM CENTER  | 905.86 |
| 81106 |  3/17/2021 | WELTON TIRE SERVICE  | 766.41 |
| 81107 |  3/17/2021 | WILTSE,CAYLA  | 33.35 |
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|  |  | Total | 3,084,732.68 |

Greg Schwab mentioned he feels the Chairman is having an influence on the way other commissioners are voting. No matter who the Chairman is, Schwab would like to see the Chairman vote last. Gilbert mentioned she thinks it should be up to the Chairman when they want to vote. Roberts Rules will be reviewed to see what the legality is.

**9:45 a.m. – Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, & Propane Bids:**

The following bids were received:

* Lisbon Oil Company- Lisbon, ND (gasoline & diesel fuel)

Schwab moved, seconded by Olerud, to accept the fuel bid. All aye. Motion carried.

**10:00 a.m. – Gravel, Clay, & Chips:**

The following bids were received:

* Bear Creek Gravel, Inc. – Englevale, ND
* Lesmeister Gravel, Inc. – Lisbon, ND
* Mark Sand & Gravel Dakota Co. – Fergus Falls, MN
* Camas Sand and Gravel – Wheatland, ND
* Jody Hoenhause – Lisbon, ND

Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern, to allow Kirsten Gilbert and Jeff Hopkins to review and compile all bids for the next commission meeting. There were also a few questions they had, which they will get clarified for the next meeting.

Kirsten Gilbert – FEMA coordinator appeared before the board and passed out a letter for the second time from Justin Messner, Disaster Recovery Chief for the State of North Dakota. The letter stated that when the 2020 spring flood was declared by President Trump on July 9, 2020 FEMA made a determination that damages related to groundwater and frost were not going to ne eligible for the Public Assistance Program. These types of damages are not normally eligible, but the Sate of North Dakota had suffered from a record-breaking fall flood that left us with ground saturation in the 9th percentile all winter which let to significant road issues this spring. Due to the extraordinary level of groundwater damages that were being reported, the State decided to appeal FEMA’s determination and submitted a formal appeal packet to FEMA on August 13th, 2020. In conjunction with their appeal, our Congressional Delegation of Senator Hoeven, Senator Cramer, and congressman Armstrong sent a joint letter of support for this appeal as well. The ND Department of Emergency Services received a response nack from FEMA HQ concerning this appeal, and FEMA has decided to stay with their initial determination that these groundwater/frost damages will not be eligible for the PA Program. Kirsten Gilbert stated there were over two hundred FEMA sites County wide, around one hundred of those sites were approved and paid by FEMA. She also reiterated that she is only the middle man, and she sends everything the townships provide her to the state. She has nothing to do with the decision the state’s decision.

Scott Smyth with KLJ appeared before the board to let them know he is still waiting on the Severance Land permit, for the rip rap project along the river near Virgil Schultz’s land. Smyth would like the boards approve to put a bid contract together, so they can start getting estimates. If the board would like, Smyth can add a phrase in the contract stating no work can take place until June 1, 2021 or until permit is in hand.

Smyth also let the board know there is a hold up with the Corps of Engineers on the Sheldon Bridge Project due to not having a deed for the right of way. Smyth with work with Fallon Kelly to get a deed for the right of way, to prevent any further delay.

Nicole Gentzkow presented the cost participation construction and maintenance agreement for project number SC-3700(021) PCN 23104 ND 27 to ND 46 on CMC 3705 and CMC 3715 to the park entrance. The purpose of the contract is to perform 18.093 miles of bituminous seal coat on project in Ransom County. The project is estimated to cost $614,200 with federal funding at 80.93% Ransom County will be responsible for $117,128. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to allow Chairman Hansen to sign the agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

Tyler Modlin, Ransom County Park Board Member appeared before the board to present a grant request from Bobby Koepplin on behalf of the Sheyenne River Water trail Advisory Committee. The funds would be used to install signage by the water Trail as follows: water Trail and directional signage on either side of landings as applicable along County Roads and bridge signage (identifying the bridge and water trail mileage) as recommended by the County Engineer and approved by the County Highway Department, Superintendent. The Water Trail partners shall be responsible for fabrication, install and maintenance of water trail signage. The goal is to create a water trail to promote the recreational opportunity of paddling along the Sheyenne River, long term the group intends to apply for National Water Trail designation by the National Park Service. The Water Trail would extend from Lake Ashtabula to the eastern edge of the Sheyenne National Grassland. Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to give the Barnes County Parks a grant for $2500 to help with the signage for the Sheyenne River Water Trail. All Aye. Motion carried.

Tyler also gave his approve for the $2000 grant that was pending his approval for the Fort Ransom Sod Busters Association.

Joe Mathern was on the agenda at 3:00 p.m. for a social. Lots of discussion was had regarding Mathern holding an all employee social. Hansen stated he would not attend; Gilbert was not in favor of attending either. Schwab and Olerud, stated they would be willing to come, however it would have to be another day. Mathern felt it was important he still come at 3:00 p.m. like he had told employees he would.

There being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Olerud adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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Nicole Gentzkow Norm Hansen, Chairman

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