RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting - October 7, 2021

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, Neil Olerud, Norm Hansen, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern. Also present was Lynn Kaspari from the Ransom County Gazette.

Agenda – Olerud moved, seconded by Hansen to approve the agenda as presented. Vote was unanimous.

Minutes – A motion was made by Gilbert, seconded by Schwab to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled commission meeting on September 21, 2021. Vote was unanimous.

Manual Warrants – Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the manual warrants in the amount of $ 12,912.04. The vote was unanimous.

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| 9/23/21 | ACH 1261 | Cass County Electric Coop | 403.54 |
| 9/23/21 | ACH 1263 | Cass County Electric Coop | 126.91 |
| 9/20/21 | ACH1260 | Great America Financial | 422.71 |
| 719/20/21 | ACH 1281 | Great America Financial | 292.72 |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1230 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 84.55 |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1231 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 299.99- |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1232 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 78.99- |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1233 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 224.99- |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1234 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 11.25- |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1235 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 148.27 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1236 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 89.98 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1237 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 159.26 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1238 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 17.29 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1239 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 68.49 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1240 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 25.45 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1241 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 167.78 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1242 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 249.98 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1243 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 860.07 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1244 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 117.90 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1245 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 50.83 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1246 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 243.53 |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1247 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 18.14 |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1248 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 295.36 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1249 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 109.95 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1250 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 25.00 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1251 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 22.25 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1252 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 15.99 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1253 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 299.99 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1254 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 20.00 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1255 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 49.47 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1256 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 25.98- |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1257 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 601.52 |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1270 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 215.00 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1271 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 100.00 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1272 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 100.00 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1273 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 100.00 |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1274 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 100.00 |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1275 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 3965.50 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1276 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 345.00 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1277 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 569.88 |
| 9/11/21 | ACH 1282 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | 167.78 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1264 | City of Lisbon | 155.26 |
| 9/10/21 | ACH 1265 | City of Lisbon | 26.60 |
| 9/20/21 | ACH 1266 | City of Lisbon | 29.50 |
| 9/20/21 | ACH 1267 | City of Lisbon | 10.00 |
| 9/20/21 | ACH 1283 | City of Lisbon | 65.50 |
| 9/20/21 | ACH 1258 | Marco | 140.60 |
| 9/20/21 | ACH 1259 | Marco | 116.06 |
| 9/20/21 | ACH 1280 | Marco | 220.60 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1284 | Marco | 140.60 |
| 9/10/21 | ACH 1268 | ND Game and Fish | 83.00 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1262 | Southeast Water Users | 50.64 |
| 9/14/21 | ACH 1285 | Wex Bank | 1678.31 |
| 9/10/21 | ACH 1286 | Wex Bank | 186.48 |
| **TOTAL** |  |  | **12,912.04** |

LoadPass – Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to have LoadPass come do a presentation at fall township association meeting tentatively set for November 10, 2021 at the Ransom County highway department. Vote was unanimous.

Jailing - Benneweis and Olerud met with Richland County to discuss a jailing contract between Richland and Ransom. Benneweis is looking at reserving three or four bed spaces. The contract was brought back for Benneweis and Fallon Kelly to review.

Bridges – Scott Smyth appeared before the board to give a rough estimate on what it would cost to replace four bridges in the county.

4H/NDSU Extension – Brian Zimprich and Deb Lee appeared before the board to give them an update on how the 4H program in the County is going. Lee stated the programs continues to grow; this year they have twenty new members signed up. Olerud thanked Lee and Zimprich for all their hard work, he stated the large numbers is due to their excellent leadership.

Delinquent Taxes and Appraisals – Kristie Reinke appeared before the board to let them know that there are three residential properties on the delinquent tax list for 2018 and 9 mobile homes. Most are repeat offenders. Gilbert moved, seconded by Hansen to approve the appraisal prices as set by tax Director Kristie Reinke. Vote was unanimous.

Ransom County Housing Authority – Derek Johnson appeared before the board to go over the Ransom County Housing Authority financial reports for May, June, July, August, and September. Currently there are fifty-four families being assisted through the Ransom County Housing Authority, Johnson would like to see that number closer to seventy-five. Olerud moved, seconded by Hasnen to approve the financials for May, June, July, August, and September as presented by Johnson.

Derek recommended that the board make a motion to remove Blake Strehlow from the signature card at Bremer Bank as he will be retiring at the end of the year and add Derek Johnson and Roxanne Grossman to the signature card instead. This will ensure the smooth transition of operations of the Housing Choice Voucher Program through the retirement and leadership transition to Derek. Hansen made a motion to add Derek Johnson and Roxanne Grossman to the signature card at Bremer Bank, and to remove Blake Strehlow. The motion was seconded by Gilbert. Vote was unanimous.

Farmers Union Insurance – Jon Guzman presented two different short term and long-term disability plans that the county could pickup as a benefit for employees. It would allow them to collect sixty percent of their income starting the eighth day out of work, until the age of sixty-five if they were to be unable to work. Guzman recommended the County go with the Metlife for $12,600 as this was the most competitive quote he had gotten so far. He is still hoping to get one or two more quotes, and will report back to the board once he has them.

States Attorney – Fallon Kelly appeared before the board to let them know he is trying to clear his schedule the first and third Tuesday so he can be more available for commission meetings.

Coroner – Charley Armstrong let the board know he would like to continue to serve as the Ransom County Coroner. Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to appoint Armstrong the Ransom County Coroner. Vote was unanimous.

Election Room – Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab for Gentzkow to move her office into the election room and have the former HR office become the new Election room. Vote was unanimous.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Mathern adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Nicole Gentzkow Joe Mathern, Chairman

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