**RANCOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Neil Olerud. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Neil Olerud, Steve Dick, George Bunn, and Norm Hansen. Connie Gilbert was absent.

The agenda was reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Bunn to approve the agenda. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from the regular scheduled May 19, 2020 commission meeting were considered. Dick moved, seconded by Hansen to approve minutes with corrections. All aye

Manual warrants in the amount of $11,163.00 were reviewed by the board. Hansen moved, seconded by Bunn to approve manual warrants. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 5/23/20 | ACH 413 | Cass County Electric Coop | $180.22 |
| 5/23/20 | ACH 410 | Cass County Electric Coop | $1386.75 |
| 5/20/20 | ACH 400 | Great America Financial | $398.72 |
| 5/20/20 | ACH 409 | Great America Financial | $281.00 |
| 5/20/20 | ACH 394 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $313.88 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 395 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $-5.69 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 396 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $26.01 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 397 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $58.29 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 415 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $340.46 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 416 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $6.45 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 417 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $14.96 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 418 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $15.76 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 419 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $18.44 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 421 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $40.01 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 422 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $40.01 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 423 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $52.64 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 424 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $47.94 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 425 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $224.90 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 426 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $133.07 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 427 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $18.98 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 428 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $159.80 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 429 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $19.87 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 430 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $79.90 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 431 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $50.08 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 432 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $569.88 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 433 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $465.61 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 434 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $800.00 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 435 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $149.47 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 436 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $38.97 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 437 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $9.98 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 438 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $13.08 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 439 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $158.95 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 440 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $38.97 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 441 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $ 7.99 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 442 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $178.12 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 443 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $314.05 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 444 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $256.01 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 445 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $25.28 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 446 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $99.96 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 447 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $175.94 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 448 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $2218.00 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 449 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $11.55 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 450 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $135 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 404 | City of Lisbon | $157.70 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 405 | City of Lisbon | $26.60 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 406 | City of Lisbon | $29.50 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 407 | City of Lisbon | $10.00 |
| 5/10/20 | ACH 420 | City of Lisbon | $69.71 |
| 5/24/20 | ACH 398 | Marco | $137.67 |
| 5/22/20 | ACH 402 | Marco | $215.87 |
| 5/22/20 | ACH 411 | Marco | $110.01 |
| 5/14/20 | ACH 401 | ND GAME AND FISH | $101.00 |
| 5/12/20 | ACH 408 | Southeast Water Users | $59.84 |
| 5/12/20 | ACH 403 | Tesoro Fleet Services | $432.52 |
| 5/13/20 | ACH 399 | Voyager Fleet Systems, INC. | $243.32 |
| Total |  |  | $11,163.00 |

Randy Gallagher appeared before the board to present three checks from North Dakota Association of Counties for participation in the work force safety programs. The county currently has twenty eight employees enrolled in the LMS program. The checks and details are listed below:

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| LMS Participants 5% premium discount check | $1,025.79 |
| Premium Safety and drug free work place 5 % discount | $1,025.79 |
| Premium dividend credit refund | $4,243.98 |

Gallagher said the sidewalk to the north of the social service building is done. The roof should be starting in the next week or so.

At 10:00 a.m., the regular commission meeting was recessed. The county equalization meeting was brought to order and turned over to tax director Kristie Reinke. See attachment for the equalization changes.

Reinke presented a list of proposed changes regarding properties that were missed between the township/city equalization and the county equalization.

Joe and Nick Wall both made prior arrangement with Reinke for extensions.

Olerud moved, seconded by Bunn to allow Brad Loftsgard to get the farm exemption since the state would grant it later. The county board will grant it now to save work later. All aye. Motion carried.

Kent and Judy Oland did not attend either township meeting, they will need to go through an abatement process on the active farmer status.

Bunn moved, seconded by Dick to approve the retired farmer status since it would come back through the abatement process so might as well approve now. All aye. Motion carried.

Any farm exemption not returned will not be accepted with the exception of Joe and Nick Wall and Kent Oland who all made prior arrangements. Olerud motioned those three are not included all the rest are to be taxed, Bunn seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

City changes:

All cities were ok with changes. Dick moved, seconded by Hansen to approve all city changes. All aye. Motion carried.

Residential changes:

Reinke suggested decreasing Enderlin residential properties four percent except any homes valued at fifty thousand or less. No changes to commercial properties. Hansen moved, seconded by Dick, to reduce residential homes in Enderlin, except homes valued at fifty thousand or less, no change in commercial properties. All aye. Motion carried.

Reinke advised agriculture lands needs to be at $921.41 per acre which is set by the state, Ransom County is currently at $828.10 per acre. A four percent increase would bring it to 93.01% a 4.27% increase would bring us to 93.29% typically Ransom County tries to stay at 93%. Reinke said we could do a 4% across the board raise, or we could increase crop land at a lower rate and non-crop land at a high percentage. If we do that it would be about a fifty percent savings. Cropland is assessed at twenty to thirty percent of market value. Reinke advised she did some research and Ransom County has the lowest agriculture land values of all surrounding counties by quite a bit. Barnes County was the next lowest and their land is $70 higher per acre than Ransom County. Olerud motioned to leave it up to Reinke to get the formula to ninety three percent range, seconded by Dick. All aye. Motion Carried.

The county equalization meeting was recessed at 10:20 a.m.

The regular meeting was called back to order.

Scott Smyth with KLJ appeared before the board to let them know the graveling project had wrapped up and they could pay the retainage of $7744.33. Bunn moved, seconded by Hansen to pay the retainage of $7744.33. All aye. Motion carried.

Smyth said Ivan Hopkins had reached out to him about using some old building materials from the Vets Home for the Fox Farm Bridge. Smyth will reach out to the State Water Commission to see if we can use some of that and let the board know at the next commission meeting.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Olerud adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

Nicole Gentzkow Neil Olerud, Chairman

Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission

