Ransom County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting – July 7, 2020 at 9: 00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Neil Olerud. Members present Connie Gilbert, Norm Hansen, Steve Dick, George Bunn, and Neil Olerud.

The agenda was reviewed. Nicole Gentzkow asked to add Matt Gregg with Wheeler to the agenda. Gilbert moved, seconded by Dick, to approve the agenda with addition. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from the regular scheduled commission meeting on June 16, 2020 were considered. Bunn moved, seconded by Hansen to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual warrants in the amount of $6,620.04 were reviewed. Gilbert moved, seconded by Hansen, to approve the manual warrants. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 6/23/20 | ACH 467 | Cass County Electric Coop | $432.00 |
| 6/23/20 | ACH 468 | Cass County Electric Coop | $159.88 |
| 6/20/20 | ACH 469 | Great America Financial  | $398.72 |
| 6/20/20 | ACH 488 | Great America Financial | $281.00 |
| 6/20/20 | ACH 462 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $26.01 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 463 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $53.18 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 464 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $135.57 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 465 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $172.00 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 472 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $145.95 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 473 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $71.55 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 474 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $49.95 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 475 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $53.11 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 476 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $569.88 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 477 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $49.05 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 478 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $997.88 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 479 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $28.55 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 480 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $36.33 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 481 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $114.36 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 482 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $139.99 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 483 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $24.99 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 484 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $4.36- |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 485 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $49.99 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 486 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $13.99 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 487 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $35.99 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 489 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $119.88 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 490 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $107.49 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 491 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $537.45 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 492 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $97.88 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 493 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $191.88 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 494 | JPMorgan Chase Bank NA | $49.84 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 454 | City of Lisbon | $151.92 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 455 | City of Lisbon | $26.60 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 456 | City of Lisbon | $29.50 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 457 | City of Lisbon | $10.00 |
| 6/10/20 | ACH 471 | City of Lisbon | $67.48 |
| 6/24/20 | ACH 458 | Marco | $137.67 |
| 6/22/20 | ACH 461 | Marco | $110.01 |
| 6/22/20 | ACH 470 | Marco | $137.67 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 453 | ND GAME AND FISH | $6.00 |
| 6/12/20 | ACH 466 | Southeast Water Users | $73.64 |
| 6/13/20 | ACH 460 | Voyager Fleet Systems, INC.  | $539.97 |
| 6/14/20 | ACH 459 | WEX Bank  | $189.60 |
| Total  |  |  | $6620.04 |

Shelly Schwab, recorder appeared before the board to ask them to sign approving the removal of Heidi Johnson’s name off the Bank North Safe deposit box and adding Cindy Morin. Gilbert moved, seconded by Hansen to approve removing Johnson’s name and adding Morin. All Aye. Motion carried.

Jon Hanna, VSO appeared before the board to let them know he plans to retire at the end of September 2020. The VSO position is shared with Sargent County. Bunn will get ahold of Sargent County Commissioner Bill Anderson to discuss hiring a new VSO. The ad for the open job will be placed in the paper for the next two weeks.

Fallon Kelly, State’s Attorney appeared before the board to discuss the legal issues with the way the county currently does payroll. Kelly advised the county get in line with federal wage an hour laws. Gentzkow asked the board to allow the purchase of a new payroll software system. She has been looking into a few that other counties who have CPT also use. Hansen moved, seconded by Bunn, to spend money out of equipment and improvement to get the payroll and time keeping in line with federal and state laws. All aye. Motion carried.

A delinquent property which the county did a contract for, deed, for was discussed. The contract for deed was to be paid by June 1, 2020. As of today’s date the total was not paid. Fallon Kelly advised the board to make a motion to authorize them to take action to foreclose on the property. Hansen moved, seconded by Dick to authorize states attorney to commence foreclosure if necessary. All aye. Motion carried.

Darren Benneweis, sheriff appeared before the board on behalf of Mitch Baumgartner the county coroner to request $10,000 for a roll in cooler. Hansen moved, seconded by Bunn, to approve the cooler to be paid for out of equipment and improvement. All aye. Motion carried. Benneweis also informed the board they are applying for grants for riot gear.

Scott Smyth, with KLJ appeared before the board to give a price quote on a new bridge at the Fox Farm bridge site. The new bridge would need to be built to current DOT specs of 28 feet wide and would cost approximately 1.2 million dollars. Rehabbing the current bridge would cost

around $500,000 - $750,000. Smyth advised the most economical way may be making a roadway out from the east instead of building a new bridge.

Matt Gregg with Wheeler appeared before the board to discuss options they offer for engineered timber bridges. Gregg wouldn’t recommend rehabbing the bridge, he thinks the county would be better off doing a full replacement. Gregg got an estimate to replace the bridge using the same specs as the current bridge and it would be around $229,000 for the engineering and the product to be shipped. It would be roughly $410,000 to have it installed. A panel system can usually be done in half the time of a concrete bridge. It meets all highway load weight limits. The board asked Gregg for a quote with the current DOT specs in width. No federal money would be allowed to be used, if the bridge wasn’t built to current specs. Gregg will get back to the board with a quote.

Nicole Gentzkow informed the board that Brian Zimprich has been allowing the county to use his NDSU zoom account since April. However, NDSU has made a new policy that the accounts cannot be shared. Zimprich is going to allow all meetings that are already scheduled to go one through his account, but no new ones are to be scheduled. The county is going to need to look into getting their own zoom account for future business if it is needed to be done like this. The board would like Gentzkow to get price quotes.

Gentzkow let the board know we are having some billing issues with Gas Plus, we are working on getting them paid. However, the past due isn’t matching up to what the county is showing. We will work with Fallon and Gas Plus to take care of.

There is an opening on the Social Service Zone board, Tammy Jacobson is moving. Her term was for 3 years as of January 1, 2020. We will run an ad in the paper for Jacobson unexpired term.

Covid – 19: The board discussed opening the courthouse, at this time they have decided to leave the front doors locked to the public. Employees are still in the building working. Customers can make appointments with the offices they need, and be let in by an employee.

Weed Board: Ron Sveum resigned 7/7/2020 as weed board member. Scott Gilbert has been appointed to take over for Ron Sveum as the weed board member. Ron Sveum will now be the weed board officer. Dick moved, seconded by Hansen, to approve Scott Gilbert as a weed board member. All aye. Motion carried.

Gentzkow asked for permission to outsource pretax statements again. Gilbert moved, seconded by Bunn to approve to outsource the pretax statements. All aye. Motion carried.

There being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Olerud adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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Nicole Gentzkow Neil Olerud, Chairman

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