RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – March 5, 2019

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

The agenda was reviewed. Auditor Nicole Gentzkow asked to add Kristie Reinke, Darren Benneweis, and Nickela Runck to the agenda. Hansen moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve the agenda with additions. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from the February 19, 2019, regular commission meeting were considered. Bunn moved, seconded by Olerud, to approve minutes with correction. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual Warrants in the amount of $4,377.41 were reviewed by the board. Hansen moved, seconded by Olerud, to approve manual warrants. Motion carried.

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| 2/20/2019 | 4570 | Marco | 135.00 |
| 2/21/2019 | 4567 | Tesoro Fleet Services | 471.02 |
| 2/21/2019 | 4571 | Marco | 209.50 |
| 2/21/2019 | 4568 | Total Administrative Service Corp | 124.20 |
| 2/21/2019 | 4574 | Great America Financial Service | 297.00 |
| 2/21/2019 | 4572 | Cass County Electric Coop | 2,424.70 |
| 2/26/2019 | 4569 | Great America Financial Service | 371.00 |
| 3/2/2019 | 4486 | City of Lisbon | 292.80 |
| 3/2/2019 | 79154 | Southeast Water Users | 52.19 |
|  |  | TOTAL | 4,377.41 |

Kristie Reinke, tax director appeared before the board to discuss some computer updates. She currently has to update all three computer systems (GIS, CPT, and Vangaurd) manually when changes are made. She can purchase a download that will automatically make the update in all systems. The download will cost $200 per quarter, or she can pay a onetime fee of $1600 and update it as many times as she chooses. Bunn moved, seconded by Hansen, to pay $1600 lifetime fee out of technology so these updates could be made as often as necessary. All aye. Motion carried.

Norm Hansen had been approached by Jerome Freeberg from Aliceton Township wondering how the new culvert at Todd Larson’s was going to affect them down stream. The board discussed, and asked Gentzkow to send an email to Shawn Mayfield with KLJ to inquire.

Darren Benneweis, sheriff appeared before the board to discuss they have had some recent issues getting ahold of maintainer operators after hours, when an emergency occurs. He would like to purchase pagers, and Jeff Hopkins can decide which highway employees would carry them. Then when a 911 call or emergency is dispatched, the call would automatically be sent to all three highway pagers as well. The emergency responders would then follow the maintainer to the rural address of the emergency. Benneweis stated this would cause some delay waiting for the highway employee to get to the shop and get the equipment and then plow the road. However, it will save time if they emergency responders get stuck and a second crew is needed to be called out. The pagers will be $400 each, and midstates will program the three pagers for the county. Hansen motioned to order three pagers to come out road and bridge. Gilbert seconded the motion. Hansen, Gilbert, Bunn, and Olerud, were in favor. Dick opposed. Motion carried.

Benneweis also informed the board Ryker the county drug dog had passed away from cancer while he was deployed. He and his wife have purchased a new puppy they are hoping to use as a drug dog in a year or two at their own expense. However, they got a very good deal on another drug dog out of Canada that is ready to go now. The dog will cost $5000, and that will include all of its training. The dog will belong to Officer Jorge Gonzalez, and he plans to do fund raisers to pay for vet bills and food. Benneweis stated the dog will be a huge asset to the sheriff’s department. Benneweis requested to get a manual warrant for the $5000 immediately so they can get the process rolling. Board agreed to have a manual warrant cut immediately.

Nickela Runck, deputy auditor appeared before the board to go over the dental insurance survey. She said she only had fourteen responses to the survey. Six of the votes were to stay with the plan the county currently has, five voted to get orthodontist care for children only. The board discussed, and asked her to resend the survey only offering the top two options that had the most votes.

Bethany Lutheran Sunday School presented a local gaming permit along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved, seconded by Hansen to approve the gaming permit. All aye. Motion carried.

Norm Hansen said Jeff Hopkins got ahold of him and said he is down one man. Hopkins asked if he could have Duane Lemieux and Jerry Lamb come help out as needed, while they are short staffed. Gilbert moved, seconded by Hansen, to bring Lemieux and Lamb back at their previous wage to help the county. All aye. Motion carried.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Dick adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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Nicole Gentzkow Steve Dick, Chairman

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