RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 2, 2019

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

The agenda was reviewed. Auditor Nicole Gentzkow asked to add Kristie Reinke and Calli Jacobson to the agenda. Hansen moved, seconded by Bunn to approve agenda with additions. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from the March 19, 2019, regular meeting were considered. Bunn moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual warrants in the amount $4,174.28 were reviewed by the board. Olerud moved, seconded by Hansen to approve the manual warrants. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 3/21/19 | ACH 4694 | Marco | $104.75 |
| 3/21/19 | ACH 4683 | Marco | $172.50 |
| 3/21/19 | ACH 4693 | Marco | $135.00 |
| 4/1/19 | ACH 4696 | Tesoro | $505.02 |
| 4/2/19 | ACH 4689 | City Of Lisbon | $157.66 |
| 4/2/19 | ACH 4691 | City of Lisbon | $29.50 |
| 4/2/19 | ACH 4688 | City of Lisbon | $68.96 |
| 4/3/19 | ACH 4698 | TASK | $124.20 |
| 4/4/19 | ACH 4695 | Cass County Electric | $2549.43 |
| 4/5/19 | ACH 4684 | Southeast Water Users | $52.19 |
| 4/5/19 | ACH 4687 | Southeast Water Users | $2.70 |
| 4/2/19 | ACH 4690 | City of Lisbon | $26.60 |
| 4/2/19 | ACH 4692 | City of Lisbon | $10.00 |
| 4/3/19 | ACH 4697 | Cass County Electric | $196.77 |
| 4/6/19 | ACH 4685 | ND Game & Fish | $23.00 |
| 4/6/19 | ACH 4686 | ND Game & Fish | $16.00 |
| Total |  |  | $4174.28 |

Enderlin Golf Course submitted Beer, Liquor, and Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, along with the appropriate fee. Bunn moved to approve all three license, seconded by Olerud. Motion carried.

A gaming permit for the Cowboy up Ride against Cancer, along with the appropriate fee was submitted. Olerud moved, seconded by Hansen to approve the gaming permit. All aye. Motion carried.

Gravel, clay and chip bids were discussed. The bids were received from Bear Creek Gravel, Ind., Bernard Mahrer Construction, Ind., Dick’s Construction, LLC, Lesmeister Gravel, Inc., Camas Sand and Gravel, and Mark Sand & Gravel Dakota Co. Jody Hoenhause presented a bid for just hauling. Road & Bridge Supervisor Jeff “Ivan” Hopkins stated the bids were pretty close to the same. He would like to accept all bids. Bunn motioned to accept all gravel bids and allowing Jeff “Ivan” Hopkins to use discretion to pick the best deal of the day at the time, seconded by Hansen. Motion carried.

Shawn Mayfield with KLJ appeared before the board to go over the bid acceptance for CNOB-CNOC-3722(001) the gravel surfacing, base one liquid stabilized reclamation project on the Qual road. Two bids were received, one from Central Specialties Inc. out of Alexandria, MN and one from Mark Sand and Gravel Co out of Fergus Falls, MN. Central Specialties Inc. bid $386,050.50 and Mark Sand & Gravel Co. bid $422,292.50, KLJ estimated the project at $459,482.00. Mayfield said both quotes were good and all numbers checked out. Bunn moved, seconded by Gilbert to accept the bid from Central Specialties for $386,050.50. All aye. Motion carried. Mayfield presented the board with the Notice of Award contract, and the Standard Form of Agreement, to be signed for the Qual Road.

Mayfield gave a brief over view on Operation Prairie Dog. He stated as of now Ransom county should get about 1.3 million dollars, townships will get about ten percent of that. The money isn’t expected to come in until 2021.

Mayfield also presented a reimbursement request for the Fort Ransom road along with the final acceptance letter, and retainage of $15,131.49. Bunn moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the final acceptance and sign the reimbursement request. All aye. Motion carried.

A final review and acceptance letter was also given for the west parking lot of the courthouse project, along with retainage of $14,622.99 Gilbert moved, seconded by Hansen, to approve and pay the $14,622.99 out of equipment and improvement fund. All aye. Motion carried.

Rick Taylor was present to discuss the Sheldon road, Mayfield informed Taylor and the board that the Sheldon road was designed the same as HWY 46. HWY 46 does not require any restrictions in the spring. The Sheldon road was designed to handle an average of 60 trucks per day without restrictions, on the newly constructed four miles. Bunn moved, to have the four miles of the Sheldon road off of HWY 46 unrestricted, seconded by Olerud. Discussion followed. Steve Dick chairman called for a roll call vote: Hansen – no, Gilbert – yes, Bunn – yes, Olerud – yes, Dick – yes. Motion carried.

No one from Aliceton Township showed up to discuss the Todd Larson culvert. However, Mayfield informed the board that when they did the hydraulic study it was only done at the site of Todd Larson’s culvert not up or down stream. He stated they could do another study up and down stream if the board would like, however nothing requires the county to do that.

Kristie Reinke and Calli Jacobson with the tax director’s office, appeared before the board. Reinke informed the board that Jacobson has accepted a job elsewhere due to pay and benefits. Jacobson passed around a copy of her pay stub, and showed the commissioners after taxes and benefits how little she takes home. Jacobson explained that the new job she has taken has a much higher starting wage, and the benefits are better. With the new company benefits will only cost her one third of what the counties currently cost. Reinke asked the board to take this in to consideration when budget is discussed. Reinke is going to advertise the position in the paper and a few other online locations. She will keep the board posted on the number of qualified candidates she gets.

Lance Gulleson and John Guzman with Farmers Union Insurance appeared before the board to present a dental quote and ask permission to quote health insurance. Discussion was had. Gilbert moved, seconded by Hansen to give Farmers Union the info they needed to give the county a quote. All aye. Motion carried.

Kirsten Gilbert emergency manager appeared before the board to give a flood update. She said the weather service has backed off on their flood predictions. As of right now Enderlin, Sheldon, Lisbon, and Fort Ransom do not want any sandbags. Gilbert asked for permission to cancel the sandbagging scheduled for the end of the week at the old county shop. All commissioners were in agreeance that at the time, there was no reason to fill sand bags. Benneweis mentioned there are some township roads that are flooded and will make it more difficult for emergency responders to get to them if they need to. However, as a whole the county was looking pretty good for water levels this year.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Dick adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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Nicole Gentzkow Steve Dick, Chairman

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