RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – April 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Mathern at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Norm Hansen, Neil Olerud, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern. Absent: Connie Gilbert.

Agenda – The agenda was reviewed. Job development, School board reorganization, and holiday pay, and volunteer hours were all added to the agenda. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the agenda. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – Minutes from the previous regular schedule commission meeting on April 5, 2022 were reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Hansen. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills – In the amount of $390,398.78 were considered. Olerud moved, seconded by Hansen to approve bills in the amount of $390,398.70 and add the four months (January – April) that Gentzkow asked to pay for First Medic Ambulance in the amount of $21,866.68 for a grand total of $412,265.46. All aye. Motion carried.

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| **Vendor Name** | **Amount** |
| A W DIESEL SERVICE  | 7,542.63 |
| ADVANCED ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL  | 323.49 |
| AG WEEK  | 64.00 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 253.85 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER  | 2,550.00 |
| BOBCAT OF GWINNER  | 2,127.63 |
| BRAMSTEDT SURGICAL, INC.  | 302.65 |
| BRI-TON  | 412.49 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.  | 10,100.38 |
| CHAMP SOFTWARE, INC.  | 2,409.00 |
| CITY SIDE COLLISION  | 1,162.25 |
| CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM  | 180.00 |
| CODE 4 SERVICES, INC.  | 715.00 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 5,818.67 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 2,945.00 |
| CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC  | 1,356.92 |
| D. EXCAVATING  | 24,900.00 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY  | 674.23 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER  | 1,429.65 |
| DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP.  | 85.46 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS  | 52.50 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 3,836.98 |
| ERICKSON, KATHIE  | 13.15 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE  | 21,866.68 |
| GILBERT, CONNIE  | 55.88 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN  | 50.00 |
| GORDY’S GRILL & FILL  | 245.59 |
| GOWAN CONSTRUCTION, INC.  | 1,681.56 |
| GWORKS  | 800.00 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY  | 61.43 |
| HENRICKS HEATING  | 1,419.98 |
| HOPKINS, ROBERTA  | 329.26 |
| HR COLLABORATIVE  | 200.00 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 1,240.25 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY  | 75.00 |
| KELLY, FALLON M.  | 2,105.67 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN  | 82.78 |
| LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC  | 290.46 |
| LEXIPOL LLC  | 2,524.08 |
| LISBON OIL COMPANY  | 13,768.93 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 237.86 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS  | 1,130.70 |
| MATTHEW BENDER & CO. INC  | 252.31 |
| NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON  | 29.68 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK  | 220.50 |
| ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  | 12.00 |
| ND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION  | 29.55 |
| ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION  | 1,836.40 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION  | 383.00 |
| NDAAO  | 575.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION  | 2,160.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE  | 11,347.98 |
| NEWMAN SIGNS  | 769.93 |
| OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  | 1,475.00 |
| OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR  | 16,950.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO  | 3,672.16 |
| PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT  | 112.74 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC  | 868.86 |
| QUAL, ANGELA  | 250.00 |
| QUILL CORPORATION  | 219.95 |
| RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION  | 450.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE- CASSELTON  | 385.12 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO  | 2,944.05 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC  | 33.00 |
| REINKE, JOSEPH  | 175.50 |
| REINKE, KRISTIE  | 62.06 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS  | 1,925.00 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  | 3,443.82 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 1,618.77 |
| SCH WELD DBA SUBWAY  | 2,006.60 |
| SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS  | 3,539.20 |
| STARION BOND SERVICES  | 227,248.75 |
| STURDEVANT’S INC  | 18.58 |
| SUNDALE STEEL SHOP  | 210.00 |
| TEAL’S MARKET  | 19.27 |
| THE HOME SHOP  | 642.80 |
| THE TESSMAN COMPANY  | 204.35 |
| TRACAT USED EQUIPMENT & TRAILER SALES  | 157.00 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 412.18 |
| UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  | 3,000.00 |
| WELTON, BRENNA  | 100.00 |
| WELTON’S TIRE SERVICE  | 780.20 |
| WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER  | 3,840.00 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC.  | 58.50 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN  | 403.61 |
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| Total | 412,265.46 |
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**10:00 A.M. Gravel Bid Award**

Gravel bids were discussed again. Royalties were all included in the bids presented at the bid opening on March 15, 2022. Loading charges would only be charged if they could have their own pit and county trucks were used to haul the gravel. Olerud moved, seconded by Hansen to award bid to all contractors and allow Hopkins the discretion to use who he wants at the time. All aye. Motion carried.

Fallon Kelly, States Attorney arrived at 9:55 a.m.

Hansen township – Contacted the board to discuss closing the road in Ransom County due to the ongoing flooding issues. The only resident who lives on this road is a Lamoure County resident. Fallon Kelly advised the township board has the authority to build or not build a road. They also have the right to close the road, but not the section line. The township can close a road surface to a vehicle, but has no control over the ditch. The only way the county would get involved is if Ransom County would like to close the section line. Fallon Kelly advised Hanson township and the Lamoure County township to communicate regarding this road.

Highway Department – Jeff Hopkins appeared before the board to let them know in the past they have rotated equipment every ten years. Currently the orange snow plow truck will be ten years old this fall. Hopkins has been looking around. Trucks are going for higher prices and are hard to find. Hopkins found one in Wisconsin that is a 2010 that they are asking $95,000 for, it came from Dakota County Highway department. The price is a little more than Hopkins was wanting to pay; however, it has everything the county needs and is the only one available. Hopkins has the money in his budget, so no motion is needed.

Island Park Township – Ryan Lyons, Duffy Hansen, and Ron Carlson appeared before the board to discuss the ongoing issues with the Fox Farm Bridge issues. Island Park township is willing to apply for grants through Upper Great Plains for a new bridge or road. The grant has 10,000,000 in federal funds and another 10,000,000 in local state match. The money can be used for roads and bridges. Lyons asked the county if the township is awarded some grant funds would the county be willing to help match some funds? Lyons and Duffy are wondering where the county is with the Fox Farm Bridge? Lyons doesn’t want Island Park to invest a ton of money into fixing the bridge and then the board go and fix other bridges in the county just like the fox farm and find out this one could have qualified for county funding. Greg Schwab said he feel the county needs to decide how is available and what they can put towards the fox farm bridge.

PGA- Rick Taylor with PGA appeared before the board to let them know PGA plans to go ahead with the new plant in Sheldon. The new plant will cost an estimated twenty million dollars. PGA is requesting the county look into the right of ways and section lines so they know how far they need to be away from them with the new track. Fallon Kelly will look into this and get back to Taylor. The project is expected to start in the fall of 2022 and be complete by fall of 2023. Taylor also expressed some concern with the amount of time the Anslem Bridge will be closed while they are replacing it. He stated it will be a 14-mile round trip for farmers on the southside to get to PGA.

City of Sheldon – Taylor thanked the county for assisting them with snow removal.

Employee Handbook – Fallon Kelly recommends a clause be put in the employee handbook for every department with an elected official.

Barnes County jail facility – A contract for housing inmate was reviewed by State’s Attorney Fallon Kelly and the board. Hansen moved, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried. All aye.

Barnes rural Water District – Submitted a boring permit along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved, seconded by Hansen. All aye. Motion carried.

Saddle Up for St. Jude’s – A local charity permit along with the appropriate fee was submitted. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab. All aye. Motion carried.

Economic Development and Reorganization of school board were discussed. Fallon Kelly was going to look into the proper way to appoint members and get back to the board.

Olerud brought up the moral of the court house. The village was discussed. This subject will be added to the next agenda.

Community service hours were discussed. Should employees be allowed to work a certain number of community service hours while being paid? No decision was made.

Working holidays. Employees need to get prior approval from the board before working on a paid recognized holiday.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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