Ransom County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting – August 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Joe Mathern. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Connie Gilbert, Neil Olerud, Andrew Beerman, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern. Also attending via zoom Lonnie Rotenberger, Cindy Morin, Kristie Reinke, Brenna Welton, Jenna Olerud, Janelle Mairs, Kathie Erickson, Cayla Wiltse, and Darla Haecherl.

Building and Maintenance – Randy Gallagher appeared before the board and let them know he had received an application for the part time cleaning position. He is going to hire that applicant 4 days a week, Suzanne Anderson will clean at public health one day a week.

Agenda- The agenda was reviewed. Olerud moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Schwab. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes- From the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on August 2, 2022 were reviewed. Olerud moved to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Schwab.

Bills – In the amount of $258,575.50 were reviewed by the board. Olerud moved to approve the bills, seconded by Gilbert. All aye. Motion carried.

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| **Vendor Name** | **Amount** |
| AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP.  | 2,280.76 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 251.74 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE  | 84.38 |
| ASSURITY  | 289.66 |
| BEAR CREEK GRAVEL  | 15,231.52 |
| BLOW'S SEW-N-VAC, INC.  | 599.95 |
| CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL  | 16,190.10 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.  | 2,343.02 |
| CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT  | 5,139.44 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 916.00 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 5,890.00 |
| CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE  | 493.24 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER  | 774.84 |
| DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP.  | 55.24 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS  | 45.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 7,775.78 |
| ELECTIONS SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE  | 8,865.44 |
| ERICKSON, KATHIE  | 103.76 |
| F/S MANUFACTURING  | 1,217.85 |
| FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, LTD  | 600.00 |
| FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSOCIATION  | 10.00 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE  | 4,966.67 |
| FRIDRYCH, SARA  | 99.24 |
| GEINERT, RUTH  | 401.92 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN  | 50.00 |
| GONZALEZ, JORGE  | 259.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 2,106.70 |
| HAECHERL, TERESA  | 49.00 |
| HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.  | 102.60 |
| HEFTY SEED COMPANY  | 28,114.98 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY  | 211.92 |
| HOENHAUSE, JODY  | 23,737.85 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 2,456.25 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY  | 75.00 |
| JAMES/VALLEY REGIONAL LODGE #4  | 78.00 |
| JORGENSON, STEVE  | 750.00 |
| KELLY, FALLON M.  | 668.31 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC  | 18,472.18 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN  | 159.09 |
| LESMEISTER GRAVEL  | 64,940.59 |
| LEXIPOL LLC  | 10.00 |
| LISBON BODY SHOP  | 203.00 |
| LISBON OIL COMPANY  | 16,738.17 |
| LISBON POSTMASTER  | 124.60 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 81.56 |
| MALEY, ANDREW  | 113.11 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS  | 2,415.69 |
| NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO., INC. OF N.D. | 240.50 |
| NDACO RESOURCES GROUP  | 1,235.00 |
| NDACTVSO  | 120.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE-7510  | 7,714.76 |
| NORTH DAKOTA SURPLUS PROPERTY  | 190.00 |
| OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER  | 1,809.00 |
| ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.  | 11.70 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO  | 495.35 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC  | 1,498.54 |
| QUAL, ANGELA  | 500.00 |
| RAMADA HOTEL OF BISMARCK  | 777.60 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 2,516.62 |
| RANSOM COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE  | 23.50 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-LISBON  | 191.20 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC  | 16.00 |
| REINKE, KRISTIE  | 92.27 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS  | 330.00 |
| ROTENBERGER, LONNIE  | 49.00 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 1,714.44 |
| SCHWAB, GREG  | 40.96 |
| STURDEVANT'S INC  | 51.04 |
| STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER  | 450.00 |
| THOMASON LAW OFFICE, PC  | 982.18 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 79.20 |
| UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA  | 396.00 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN  | 214.24 |
| WELTON, BRENNA  | 100.00 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE  | 73.25 |
| X-STREAM CLEAN CAR WASH  | 120.00 |
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| Total | 258,575.50 |

Township Assessing – Greg and Shelly Schwab, Bruce Urbach, Dennis Wadeson, Scott Morris, Bruce Hakanson, Paul Nelson, Dave Utke, Gaylen Dick, Kevin Bishop, and Duffy Hansen all joined the meeting to discuss township assessing fees. The townships voiced their opinion that $8 per parcel times the number of parcels per entity, charged by the county yearly for assessing is too much. The county raised the rate to $8 per parcel in 2019 with a motion to from the board. Many of the individuals representing townships, said they are all right paying an assessing fee however the one being charged is way too much. Discussion was had. The board agreed to discuss the current fee, and get back to the townships about assessing fees for 2023.

Safety Evaluation – Kirsten Gilbert – Emergency Manager, and Sheriff Darren Benneweis appeared before the board to discuss a safety evaluation that had recently been done by homeland security. Olerud made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Beerman to discuss security and safety of the courthouse. All aye. Motion carried.

Executive Meeting – State’s attorney Fallon Kelly, Kirsten Gilbert, Emergency Manager, Sheriff Darren Benneweis, Auditor Nicole Gentzkow, and the board – Connie Gilbert, Neil Olerud, Andrew Beerman, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern were all part of the executive meeting. No decision was made in executive session.

Matt Lyons – Sent an email asking to have some of the right of way back to build a machine shop. Lyons would like to build the shop in the NW ¼ of 20 135-55 on the south side of the county road 63rd Street, two miles east of highway 32. Lyons would like to have the north end of the building 150 ft from the center of the county road. Board discussed. Mathern was going to go speak to Lyons to see exactly where this would be, and talk to Fallon Kelly about any liability on the county. Will address again at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Scott Smyth – with KLJ appeared before the board to let them know that the Fox Farm, McRitchie, and Painter bridge were all selected to be on hundred percent funded through the bridge grant. A request for proposal will need to be sent to the DOT, and the board will need to choose an interview board to interview engineering firms. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to do the RFP for all three bridges to be bid together (Fox Farm, McRitchie, and Painter). All aye. Motion carried.

Fox Farm Bridge – Mathern let the board know he has spoken to the Bergh’s and they would like to be left alone. Mathern also spoke to Tom with the Northland Trail and they have no interest in moving the trail to assist the county.

City of Fort Ransom – Steve Thorfinnson and Al Huckell appeared before the board to let them know they hit a dead end with the contacts they received from the board last time requesting money. They are still in desperate need for funds to help with the sewer issue in Fort Ransom and are requesting any extra ARPA funds the county can spare. Discussion was had. The board referred Thorfinnson and Huckell to Lake Agassiz to look for loans.

Meeting tabled for lunch.

Meeting was called back to order at 2:20 p.m.

Utility Permit – Cass County Electric submitted a utility permit for boring under the road, along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved to approve it, seconded by Gilbert. All aye. Motion carried.

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| County Highway Number: | 117 Ave SE |
| Township: | 136N, 58W Northland TWP |
| Sections: | 21NE & 22NW |

Off-site liquor permit – Was submitted by the Silver Prairie Saloon for September 10, 2022 at the Bohnsack Ranch, along with the appropriate fee. Gilbert moved to approve the permit, seconded by Beerman. All aye. Motion carried.

There being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Mathern adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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Nicole Gentzkow Joe Mathern, Chairman

Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission