**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Budget Meeting – July 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Joe Mathern. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Connie Gilbert, Andrew Beerman, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern. Absent: Neil Olerud.

Olerud arrived at 8:55 a.m.

Commission salary- was discussed. Schwab motioned to increase four commissioners’ salary to $1400 per month and the chairman to $1500 per month, seconded by Olerud. Gilbert, Olerud, Mathern, and Schwab were in favor. Beerman opposed. Motion passed.

Advertising budget - was discussed. Christmas party comes out of advertising at this time that will be budgeted for.

Lake Agassiz – Gilbert moved to give Lake Agassiz $3000, seconded by Beerman. Mathern, Schwab, Gilbert, and Beerman approved. Olerud opposed he would like to see this amount increased. Motion passed.

Joint Red River – Olerud and Schwab moved to give the 1.5 mills requested by Joint Red River. Olerud, Schwab, Beerman, and Mathern approved. Gilbert opposed. Motion passed.

Social Service Indirect Cost – were discussed. $20,000 were budged for indirect cost for 2023.

Highway Department – the travel line item in highway department was discussed and increased to $5000, Gravel was decreased to $600,000.

Senior Citizen – Line Item was discussed; revenue was increased to $40,000.

Sheriff’s Department – Grant matching funds line item was increased to $20,000.

Equipment and Improvement – $300,000 was budgeted.

Community Service - $2,500 was budgeted.

Twenty-Four Seven - $1000 was budgeted.

ARPA Funds – were discussed. $1,013,535.00 were budgeted to spend.

Job Development – was discussed.

COLA – eight percent was requested to be figured.

The next scheduled budget meeting will be on August 2, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Nicole Gentzkow Joe Mathern, Chairman

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