RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – October 18, 2022

The meeting was called order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Joe Mathern. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Connie Gilbert, Neil Olerud, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern. Beerman was absent. Also present: Kathie Erickson, Nickela Runck, Robbi Hopkins, Shelly Schwab, Lonnie Rotenberger, Randy Gallagher, Scott Smyth, Bea Roach, Heather Hannah, Doris Miller, Jenna Hieggelke, Brian Zimprich, TC, and Lynn Kaspari.

Agenda – Was reviewed, motor grader position, lawsuit, and Architect, were all added to the agenda. Olerud moved to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Gilbert. All Aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – From the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on October 4, 2022 were discussed. Gilbert moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills- In the amount of $203,340.50 were considered. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to approve bills in the amount of $203,340.50. All aye. Motion carried.

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| **Vendor Name** | **Amount** |
| A W DIESEL SERVICE  | 1,805.45 |
| ABUSE RESOURCE NETWORK  | 5,000.00 |
| ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS  | 540.00 |
| ADVANCED STRIPING & SEALCOATING  | 1,100.00 |
| AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS  | 40.89 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 272.13 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE  | 50.00 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER  | 2,805.00 |
| BUELING, LANCE  | 750.00 |
| BUNN, TIFFANY  | 264.50 |
| CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL  | 4,439.53 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.  | 25,635.84 |
| CARLA BROADLAND,NDAAO SECRETARY  | 175.00 |
| COLE PAPERS, INC.  | 227.36 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 2,945.00 |
| CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC  | 2,673.12 |
| D. EXCAVATING  | 11,073.04 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER  | 828.62 |
| DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP.  | 56.50 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS  | 73.50 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 1,577.22 |
| ENDERLIN INDEPENDENT  | 88.00 |
| ERICKSON, KATHIE  | 226.25 |
| FFF ENTERPRISES  | 9,221.55 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE  | 5,352.67 |
| FRIDRYCH, SARA  | 19.38 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY  | 170.00 |
| GENTZKOW, NICOLE  | 410.01 |
| GILBERT, CONNIE  | 43.44 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN  | 50.00 |
| GONZALEZ, JORGE  | 150.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 2,876.34 |
| HAECHERL, TERESA  | 55.26 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY  | 135.66 |
| HENRICKS, TYLER  | 80.00 |
| HOPKINS, JEFF  | 226.92 |
| HOPKINS, ROBERTA PO BOX 950  | 15.63 |
| JONES, CHELSEY  | 71.25 |
| KELLY, FALLON M.  | 1,107.45 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC  | 16,553.15 |
| LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY  | 1,326.80 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN  | 121.90 |
| LESMEISTER GRAVEL  | 52,855.83 |
| LISBON OIL COMPANY  | 9,391.74 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 64.12 |
| MICHAELSON, TIM  | 21.25 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK  | 1,687.50 |
| NDSU AG COMMUNICATION  | 410.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE-7510  | 5,588.11 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO  | 968.34 |
| PLAINS GRAIN & AGRONOMY LLC  | 6,035.00 |
| POPP BINDING & LAMINATING  | 60.35 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC  | 4,994.04 |
| QUAL, ANGELA  | 250.00 |
| QUALITY INN-BISMARCK  | 345.60 |
| RAMKOTA HOTEL OF BISMARCK  | 86.40 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 134.80 |
| RC LAWNS, LLC  | 170.00 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO  | 269.10 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC  | 72.50 |
| REINKE, ALLEN  | 1,000.00 |
| REINKE, JOSEPH  | 1,020.16 |
| RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER  | 404.49 |
| RSR HUMAN SERVICE ZONE  | 56.33 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 624.96 |
| SCHWAB, SHELLY  | 226.25 |
| SHELVER, ROBIN  | 18.75 |
| STURDEVANT'S INC  | 88.79 |
| SUN CONTROL LLC  | 11,056.24 |
| TEXTMYGOV  | 3,200.00 |
| THE SCENIC THEATER  | 260.00 |
| TRACAT USED EQUIPMENT & TRAILER SALES  | 90.00 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 79.20 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN  | 214.24 |
| WELTON, BRENNA  | 131.25 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE  | 221.27 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA  | 34.99 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN  | 574.54 |
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| Total | 203,340.50 |

Tax director position – Greg Schwab asked how many applicants applied for the tax director position? Gilbert and Mathern let the board know two applicants applied and they interviewed one applicant. They spoke with Fallon Kelly and they were not required to interview more than one applicant. Schwab stated he felt all applicants should have been interviewed. Discussion was had.

State’s attorney Fallon Kelly arrived at 9:52 a.m.

Schwab moved, seconded by Olerud to recess the regular meeting to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation of an ex-employee who applied for a job, but did not get an interview. All Aye. Motion carried.

Schwab moved, seconded by Olerud to adjourn the executive session at 10:37 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Executive session- was had. No decisions were made. A committee interviewed for the tax director position a recommendation will be made for the board to make a motion at a following meeting to appoint a tax director.

Andrew Beerman arrived at 11:00 a.m.

Schwab left at 11:00 a.m.

Sheyenne Valley Race track – Benji Froemke, Tyler Shelton, Ben Gemar, and Sean McCloud appeared before the board to ask for $30,000 to help keep the track open. Ben Gemar is also going to a few boards through the City of Lisbon to request funds, but if they don’t get the money Froemke won’t be managing the track next year. They have tried to make ends meet and the growing cost of everything has made it really hard. Froemke needs to know if the Commission is willing to give any money by November 4th. No decision was made at the time.

Fox Farm – Scott Huether appeared before the board with some contacts for residents who own land near the fox farm area. Discussion was had. Beerman moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve a proposed route along the fence line, by the peak, so we can move along with FEMA and easements. All aye. Motion carried.

Architect contract – was discussed. The board requested Fallon Kelly come to explain the contract.

Weed Board – The weed board office was discussed. Olerud moved, seconded by Beerman to have the weed board moved out of the office by Wednesday. Beerman will call and let Edison know. All aye. Motion carried.

Tiffany Bunn – has been helping two days a week in the auditor’s office with election. Kirsten Gilbert could also use help with FEMA work. Gentzkow asked if Tiffany Bunn could be full time and work in the treasurer’s office 3 days a week, and float between the auditors, emergency manager and treasurers office the other two days a week. Depending on who needs help. Olerud moved, Gilbert seconded the motion to allow Bunn to work full time but have Kathie Erickson be her primary boss. All aye. Motion carried.

Website – Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to have each office manage their own webpage. All aye. Motion carried.

With nothing further to come before the board. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. by Chairman Mathern.

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