RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – April 10, 2023

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

Emergency Manager – Kirsten Gilbert appeared before the board and presented a flood declaration she recommended the board sign. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to sign the declaration. All aye. Motion carried. Gilbert let the board know in the past the board would allow Hopkins and Kirsten Gilbert the authority to order sand if needed for sand bags. Kirsten Gilbert asked the board for her or Schultz to be allowed to have the authority to order sand if needed. The board gave permission. Kirsten Gilbert also let the board know the snow bill has passed and she is working hard to get the info out to the townships. She has a hard deadline date of early season or season wide for the townships to get all the info into her so she can turn around and get it into the state.

Emergency Manager/Auditor – Kirsten Gilbert and Nicole Gentzkow currently have Tiffany Bunn in each of their office 1 day a week. It is very hard from them to train when they only have her once a week. Kirsten Gilbert and Nicole Gentzkow are requesting to have Tiffany full time with the snow bill passing, the flood possibility, and the additional work load in both offices. They have not had a chance to talk to Kathie Erickson yet to see how it may affect her office. They would like to speak to her first but wanted to bring it up to the board. Kirsten Gilbert and Nicole Gentzkow will discuss with Erickson and come back to the next meeting.

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on March 21, 2023 were reviewed. Discussion was had on if names of employees who were terminated and demoted should be mentioned in the county newspaper. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to leave the March 21, 2022 commission meetings referring to the highway department as is. Bishop, Schwab, and Mathern were in favor. Olerud and Gilbert opposed. Motion carried. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the commission minutes from March 21, 2023 with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Agenda – was reviewed. Connie Gilbert asked to add the document from the NDDOT to the agenda that needed to be signed via DocuSign. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual Warrants – In the amount of $11,797.55 were reviewed by the board. Olerud moved to approve the manual warrants in the amount of $11,797.55, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3094 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 2,485.53 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3095 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 48.08 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3096 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 61.83 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3097 | CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 1,829.50 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3098 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 309.99 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3099 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 36.48 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3100 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 387.11 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3102 | CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 128.06 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3103 | LISBON, CITY OF | 167.71 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3104 | LISBON, CITY OF | 16.00 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3105 | LISBON, CITY OF | 39.50 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3106 | LISBON, CITY OF | 70.15 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3107 | MARCO | 137.38 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3108 | MARCO | 10.00 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3109 | LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 258.09 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3110 | LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 90.05 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3111 | LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 156.46 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3112 | LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 7.77 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3113 | LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | -258.09 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3114 | MARCO | 137.38 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3115 | MARCO | 10.00 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3116 | SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 54.37 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3117 | BELL BANK | 15.00 |
| 3/31/23 | 4/23 | 3118 | BREMER BANK | 25.00 |
| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3119 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.99 |
| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3120 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 16.48 |
| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3121 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.98 |
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| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3143 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 64.92 |
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| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3147 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 86.20 |
| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3148 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 174.90 |
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| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3151 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 167.21 |
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| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3224 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.22 |
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| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3240 | MARCO | 198.35 |
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| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3242 | MARCO | 106.53 |
| 4/03/23 | 4/23 | 3243 | MARCO | 235.26 |
| 4/10/23 | 4/23 | 3244 | MARCO | 156.98 |
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Commission Audit Listing – in the amount of $495,759.00 were reviewed by the board. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve commission audit listing in the amount of $495,759.00. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 8313 |  4/13/2023 | HOPKINS, ROBERTA PO BOX 950  | 12.13 |
| 8314 |  4/13/2023 | RUNCK, NICKELA  | 60.00 |
| 8315 |  4/13/2023 | SCHWAB, SHELLY  | 210.91 |
| 82979 |  4/13/2023 | A W DIESEL SERVICE  | 694.64 |
| 82980 |  4/13/2023 | ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 200.96 |
| 82981 |  4/13/2023 | BIRKLID, EUGENE  | 56.20 |
| 82982 |  4/13/2023 | CITY VIEW FUEL LLC  | 398.95 |
| 82983 |  4/13/2023 | CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC  | 527.18 |
| 82984 |  4/13/2023 | D. EXCAVATING  | 35,875.00 |
| 82985 |  4/13/2023 | DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER  | 482.28 |
| 82986 |  4/13/2023 | DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP.  | 71.50 |
| 82987 |  4/13/2023 | DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS  | 86.00 |
| 82988 |  4/13/2023 | ERDMANN, STACY  | 33.93 |
| 82989 |  4/13/2023 | FAT MAN TRASH  | 210.00 |
| 82990 |  4/13/2023 | GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 938.85 |
| 82991 |  4/13/2023 | GREGOR, ANISSA  | 64.06 |
| 82992 |  4/13/2023 | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 192.30 |
| 82993 |  4/13/2023 | KLJ ENGINEERING LLC  | 302.94 |
| 82994 |  4/13/2023 | LAKE AGASSIZ REGIONAL DEV. CORP.  | 3,000.00 |
| 82995 |  4/13/2023 | LESMEISTER GRAVEL  | 3,125.10 |
| 82996 |  4/13/2023 | LISBON BISSELL GOLF CLUB  | 81.31 |
| 82997 |  4/13/2023 | LISBON OIL COMPANY  | 28,698.09 |
| 82998 |  4/13/2023 | LYONS, JEFFREY  | 35.24 |
| 82999 |  4/13/2023 | LYONS, MATTHEW  | 34.59 |
| 83000 |  4/13/2023 | LYONS, NATHAN  | 34.91 |
| 83001 |  4/13/2023 | MATHERN, JOE  | 44.41 |
| 83002 |  4/13/2023 | MID-STATE ORGANIZED CRIME INFO. CENTER  | 100.00 |
| 83003 |  4/13/2023 | ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK  | 24,457.98 |
| 83004 |  4/13/2023 | ND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION  | 29.55 |
| 83005 |  4/13/2023 | ND SHERIFF'S & DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION  | 400.00 |
| 83006 |  4/13/2023 | NDSU EXTENSION  | 1,200.00 |
| 83007 |  4/13/2023 | NDSU EXTENSION-TOWNER COUNTY  | 15.00 |
| 83008 |  4/13/2023 | OHNSTAD TWICHELL, PC  | 145.50 |
| 83009 |  4/13/2023 | OLSON, JERRY  | 44.41 |
| 83010 |  4/13/2023 | PHARMCHEM  | 63.90 |
| 83011 |  4/13/2023 | QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.  | 854.82 |
| 83012 |  4/13/2023 | RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 216.00 |
| 83013 |  4/13/2023 | RDO EQUIPMENT CO.- MOORHEAD  | 390,000.00 |
| 83014 |  4/13/2023 | SCHWAB,LUKE  | 68.00 |
| 83015 |  4/13/2023 | STANSBERY, DON  | 60.13 |
| 83016 |  4/13/2023 | STORHAUG,KAILYN  | 15.00 |
| 83017 |  4/13/2023 | STURDEVANT'S INC  | 50.78 |
| 83018 |  4/13/2023 | THE HOME SHOP  | 898.30 |
| 83019 |  4/13/2023 | UTKE, DAVE  | 62.75 |
| 83020 |  4/13/2023 | VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER  | 1,500.00 |
| 83021 |  4/13/2023 | XTREME PRODUCTS  | 105.40 |
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|  |  | Total | 495,759.00 |

10:00 a.m. Bid Award – Butler and RDO both presented motor grader bids.

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|  | Purchase | Lease for 5 years | Buyout at the end |
| RDO | $430,000 | $81,527.11 | $181,915 |
| Butler | $489,743.05 | $95,615.04 | $178,500 |

Bishop moved, seconded by Schwab to go with the John Deere grader and purchase it out right in 2024. Gilbert, Mathern, Bishop, and Schwab were in favor, Olerud opposed. Motion carried. Gravel, clay, and chip bids were awarded. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve all bids submitted and leave up to the road superintendent to check the price that day. All aye. Motion carried. Olerud got a request for the county to bid salt next year.

Alan Qual called and let the board know what the road crew did to County Road 8 made a huge improvement, however it needs some gravel added to it from HWY 32 to the farm so it doesn’t deuterate.

Ransom County Housing Authority – Derek Johnson appeared before the board to present the previous housing authority minutes from December. Bishop moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried. Johnson went over the January, February, and March financials. Olerud moved to approve the financials for January, February, and March 2023 as presented by Johnson, Schwab seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

Scott Smyth – with KLJ appeared before the board to let them know that the Corp of Engineers has signed the document need for the Anslem bridge project to move forward. Gilbert also showed Smyth the NDDOT document that needs to be signed via DocuSign he stated it should be good to go. Fallon Kelly stated he believed he had reviewed it and all looked good. Connie Gilbert signed the NDDOT DocuSign document. Smyth let the board there will be a bid opening mid-May.

Pancake Feed - was tentatively set for April 28, 2023 flood/weather permitting.

Highway Department – Adam Schultz let the board know that typically the highway department works 4 ten-hour days starting Good Friday until deer hunting opener. Schultz asked the board if that schedule would still be alright to start after Good Friday. The board agreed it is fine to leave the hours as is for now. It was asked by the commission that when the conditions are right, they would like to see the road crew blading on Friday’s if the roads need it.

Lynn Gonzalez – clerical deputy in the sheriff’s department appeared before the board to discuss some discrepancies in her pay. Lynn Gonzalez had many complaints; Fallon Kelly stated the board should not be getting involved with a disgruntled employee and the department head. Lynn Gonzalez had not taken these issues to Sheriff Benneweis. Kelly asked Gentzkow to get ahold of Benneweis and clarify if part time clerical deputies should be getting money or comp time for over time worked. Kelly also wanted to know if Benneweis had given permission for part time non licensed peace officers to work all hours, and work from home. Gentzkow will get ahold of Benneweis via email and get back to the board for the next commission meeting.

Jorge Gonzalez – appeared before the board to request that part time employees get whatever their scheduled hours were that day paid on a storm day. For example: if you were scheduled to work 8 hours on a storm day you would be paid for 8 hours, however if you were to be off on a storm day you would not be paid. The board had discussed this at a previous commission meeting and the current policy will stand. Part time employees who are scheduled to work the day of a storm will only receive 4 hours of storm pay. Jorge Gonzalez also asked for an exemption for the licensed peace officers to be allowed to carry over more than 240 hours of vacation in 2023 due to Sheriff Darren Benneweis’ s deployment. No decision was made, the board will think about it. Jorge Gonzalez also asked for Lynn Gonzalez to be paid for 4 hours of storm pay on February 23, 2023. The board clarified what Lynn Gonzalez had worked on February 23, 2023. Lynn said she worked 8 hours on February 23, 2023 but didn’t know how to put the storm pay on her timecard so she also put 8 hours on Friday February 24, 2023. Lynn Gonzalez only worked on Thursday February 23, and she was paid for those 8 hours. She will not be compensated for an additional hour.

NDDOT- sent a letter letting the county know their share for the rail crossing signal in Englevale is $19,775.19 which is 10% of the total cost.

Local Charity gaming permit – was presented along with the appropriate fee for Bethany Lutheran Church. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the permit. All aye. Motion carried.

NDIRF – Sent a notice of annual meeting to the board letting them know the annual meeting would be Wednesday May 10, 2023 in Bismarck, ND. No one from Ransom County planned to attend. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern for Gilbert to sign the proxy form and return.

Fort Ransom Sodbusters Association – sent a letter to the Ransom County Park Board asking for a donation of $2500 to go towards repairs on the small engine building and blacksmith shop. The board asked Gentzkow to send the letter to Greg Evenson and Tyler Modlin for review, and this can be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

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Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission