RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – March 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Connie Gilbert. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Joe Mathern, Neil Olerud, Kevin Bishop, Connie Gilbert. Absent: Greg Schwab.

Agenda – was reviewed. Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the agenda with additions. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – from the special meeting on February 16, 2023 were reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the special minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried. Then minutes from the regular scheduled commission meeing on February 21, 2023 were considered. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the regular commission minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried. Next minutes from the special meeting on February 28, 2023 were reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the speical minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Manaual Warrants – in the amount of $14,523.08 were reviewed by the board. Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to approve manual warrants in the amount of $14,523.08. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 3281 | CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC |  |  | 2,134.45 |
| 3281 | CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC |  |  | 220.22 |
| 648 | LISBON, CITY OF |  |  | 156.09 |
| 648 | LISBON, CITY OF |  |  | 16.00 |
| 648 | LISBON, CITY OF |  |  | 39.50 |
| 648 | LISBON, CITY OF |  |  | 65.50 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 21.79 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 15.25 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 58.14 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 29.52 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 29.17 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 15.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 50.80 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 16.70 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 128.00 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 47.96 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 148.97 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 15.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 42.98 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 22.28 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 174.90 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 9.88 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 22.00 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 3.00 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 22.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 29.56 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 47.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 8.79 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 5.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 47.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 47.31 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 600.00 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 88.20 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 88.20 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | -100.00 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 399.00 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 14.89 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 82.50 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 87.00 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 11.25 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 2,470.10 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 53.02 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 174.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 65.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 59.96 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 7.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 16.48 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 299.98 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 18.98 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 1.42 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 16.48 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 26.48 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 196.56 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 51.56 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 50.00 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 69.39 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 47.52 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 67.67 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 70.84 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 87.73 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 73.93 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 335.64 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 22.39 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 5.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 85.89 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 81.89 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 85.89 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 82.99 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 27.79 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 9.42 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | -9.42 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | -2.78 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 75.00 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 6.50 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 14.98 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 52.28 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 11.38 |
| 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA |  |  | 15.28 |
| 3462 | LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. |  |  | 258.09 |
| 533 | LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS |  |  | 165.83 |
| 3243 | MARCO |  |  | 137.38 |
| 3243 | MARCO |  |  | 10.00 |
| 3243 | MARCO |  |  | 137.38 |
| 3243 | MARCO |  |  | 10.00 |
| 3243 | MARCO |  |  | 41.54 |
| 3243 | MARCO |  |  | 198.35 |
| 3243 | MARCO |  |  | 10.00 |
| 790 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO |  |  | 2,818.55 |
| 790 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO |  |  | 30.49 |
| 790 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO |  |  | 46.26 |
| 790 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO |  |  | 73.39 |
| 790 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO |  |  | 331.90 |
| 790 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO |  |  | 401.47 |
| 2580 | SOUTHEAST WATER USERS |  |  | 57.53 |
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Commission Audit Listing – was reviewed by the board in the amount of $147,057.40. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve bills in the amount of $147,057.40. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES | 272.13 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE | 57.64 |
| AT&T | 13.69 |
| BRAMSTEDT SURGICAL, INC. | 87.78 |
| BRI-TON | 50.00 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC. | 3,311.96 |
| CHRISTIANSON, PAUL | 1,112.50 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS | 438.94 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY | 2,945.00 |
| CUSTOM CREATIONS | 18,000.00 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY | 668.07 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER | 3,063.04 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 2,268.55 |
| ELECTIONS SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | 109.78 |
| FANTASY FURNITURE | 2,177.47 |
| FAT MAN TRASH | 210.00 |
| FLAGS USA INC. | 102.00 |
| FRIDRYCH, SARA | 29.48 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY | 20.65 |
| GONZALEZ, JORGE | 175.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 143.54 |
| GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT | 156.60 |
| HAECHERL, TERESA | 232.77 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY | 66.83 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 1,814.25 |
| JOHN DEERE CREDIT | 37,539.84 |
| JONES, CHELSEY | 176.85 |
| KELLY, FALLON M. | 1,073.10 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 578.81 |
| KRAZY KREFT | 245.00 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN | 201.43 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 258.09 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE | 8.28 |
| MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME | 113.98 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 600.81 |
| MATHERN, JOE | 14.41 |
| MICHAELSON, TIM | 44.54 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK | 2,307.80 |
| ND SACCHO | 500.00 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION | 24,239.28 |
| NDACO RESOURCES GROUP | 1,717.19 |
| OHNSTAD TWICHELL, PC | 1,060.00 |
| OLMSTED, TRAVIS | 840.00 |
| OVERN ELECTRIC | 5,196.50 |
| PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT | 1,500.00 |
| QUILL CORPORATION | 58.98 |
| RANCH MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS | 4,000.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY CLERK OF COURT | 100.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION | 450.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY JUDGING TEAM | 828.13 |
| RANSOM COUNTY WEED BOARD | 307.80 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO | 13,849.31 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC | 17.50 |
| REINKE, KRISTIE | 21.00 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT | 8,669.08 |
| SCHWAB, SHELLY | 254.61 |
| SCHWELD DBA SUBWAY | 39.83 |
| SHELVER, ROBIN | 19.65 |
| SILVER PRAIRIE SALOON | 692.21 |
| SMILEMAKERS | 73.26 |
| THOMASON LAW OFFICE, PC | 630.00 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS | 62.10 |
| WELTON, BRENNA | 100.00 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 254.75 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC. | 63.00 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA | 326.78 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN | 495.83 |
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| Total | 147,057.40 |

Highway Department – Jeff “Ivan” Hopkins appeared before the board to let them know if he wants to trade the bobcat in it is a six to eight month wait. Currently the bobcat has one hundred and fifty hours on it, by the time the new one gets here if the board approves purchasing a new one Hopkins expects the current bobcat to have roughly two hundred hours on it. It will cost the county $1900.99 to trade for a new bobcat. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to allow Hopkins to trade the bobcat for a new one. All aye. Motion carried.

Township Blading – Hopkins let the board know he thinks the county needs to raise the cost of snow removal and blading. Currently the township is charging $100 per hour for both. Snow removal is harder on the machines and takes more fuel pushing. Olerud suggested increasing to $125 per hour for snow removal and blading. Hopkins let the board know that currently the county does snow removal/blading for seven or eight townships. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to increase the hourly charge to $125 for snow removal and blading as of July 1, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

Gravel – Hopkins let the board know Lesmeister Gravel contacted him wondering how much class thirteen gravel the county would be using in 2023 as he is having a crusher come in to make some gravel and can make the county their own pile if we would like. If we have a pile made we need to have twenty five to thirty tons in order to make it worth the crushers time. The board gave Hopkins permission to have Lesmeister Gravel get a crusher to get a pile of class thirteen gravel made.

Utility Permits – Ottertail Power Company submitted three permits to bore along with the appropriate fee permit. Hopkins reviewed the permits and had no objections. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the three utility permits from Ottertail Power Company. All aye. Motion carried.

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| County Highway Number: | 55 |
| Township: | 136 North |
| Sections: | Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 ) Section 10 |

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| County Highway Number: | 54 |
| Township: | 136 North |
| Sections: | 16 & 17 |

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| Sections: | 16 & 17 |

Fox Farm Easements – Discussion was had if these have officially been signed by the Govoner. Gentzkow will check with Fallon Kelly, Lukas Croaker, and Scott Smyth to see if they have any updates.

Social Services – Gilbert let the board know at the last social service board meeting there was discussion on increasing Ransom County’s indirect expenses to thirty percent. Currently the split is Richland – fifty percent, Ransom – twenty five percent, Sargent – twenty five percent. Gilbert will keep the board informed. Julie Johnson’s term on the RSR board was up and she would like to serve another three years. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to reappoint Julie Johnson to the RSR board for another three year term to serve for Ransom County. All aye. Motion carried.

Olerud let the board know he was contacted by Randy Gibbons stating due to the storms the post office wasn’t able to get to his mail box and pick up his mail so his taxes did not get post marked by 2/15/2023 to qualify for five percent discount. Discussion was had. The board decided that honoring the discount for just one individual as this would open a can of worms. Ransom County offers residents to pay taxes online through the county website. All that information is listed on the tax statements.

Storm Policy – was discussed. Board decided the storm policy would stay as is.

Tax Assessing - Joe Mathern attended some meetings in Bismarck and let the board know there is discussion on assessing strictly on square footage. If the state changes to this way of assessing it will reduce the work load on assessors. Kristie Reinke also asked the board if she can work some extra hours, no more than twenty to twenty one hours per week. The board approved the extra hours for Reinke as needed.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission