**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting – May 16, 2023**

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

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

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on May 2, 2023 were reviewed by the board. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the May 2, 2023 commission minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual Warrants – in the amount of $231.98 were reviewed by the board. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion approved.

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| **Vendor Name** | **Amount** |
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| MARCO | 151.98 |
| MARCO | 5.00 |
| MARCO | 75.00 |
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| **Total** | **231.98** |

Commissioner Audit Listing – in the amount of $ $97,579.56 were reviewed by the board. Mathern moved, second by Bishop. All aye. Motion carried.

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| **Vendor Name** | **Amount** |  |
| AG WEEK  | 64.00 |  |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 200.96 |  |
| CITY VIEW FUEL LLC  | 532.26 |  |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 1,800.00 |  |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 2,945.00 |  |
| CUSTER HEALTH  | 380.00 |  |
| DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP.  | 83.34 |  |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 1,389.67 |  |
| FAT MAN TRASH  | 210.00 |  |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 609.83 |  |
| HEMOCUE AMERICA  | 1,168.00 |  |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 538.58 |  |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY  | 75.00 |  |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL  | 7,957.00 |  |
| K-LOG INC  | 21,956.03 |  |
| LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER  | 299.13 |  |
| LISBON POSTMASTER  | 1,222.00 |  |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 133.49 |  |
| LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC  | 106.75 |  |
| MAPLE VALLEY LOCKER, INC.  | 1,202.70 |  |
| MLGC  | 569.88 |  |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK  | 1,788.56 |  |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION  | 24,439.20 |  |
| NDACS  | 50.00 |  |
| NDSU AG COMMUNICATION  | 552.00 |  |
| NDSU FOUNDATION-AGING IN THE COMMUNITY  | 2,000.00 |  |
| NELSON-GRIGGS DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 150.00 |  |
| PHARMCHEM  | 31.95 |  |
| QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.  | 2,000.00 |  |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 974.84 |  |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO  | 1,091.92 |  |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-LISBON  | 389.91 |  |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  | 1,728.17 |  |
| RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER  | 2,472.61 |  |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 6,899.37 |  |
| STURDEVANT'S INC  | 369.26 |  |
| SUNDALE EXCAVATION & TRUCK SALES, LLC  | 3,700.00 |  |
| SUNDALE STEEL SHOP  | 480.00 |  |
| SWEDE'S PLUMBING, INC.  | 214.78 |  |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 282.89 |  |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE  | 50.00 |  |
| WEX HEALTH, INC.  | 63.00 |  |
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| Total | **97,579.56** |  |

First Medic Ambulance – Skylar Tibbs, PJ Ringdahl, and Ken Krupich appeared before the board to go over the last quarter of statistics of calls First Medic has responded to. Tibb’s let the board know their staffing issues have improved and now they are working on building communication and relationships with other agencies. PJ Ringdahl went over HB1004, HB 1294, HB1477, and HB1365 and the changes that occurred in the latest legislature session.

Emergency Manager – Kirsten Gilbert appeared before the board to ask for permission to give First District GIS Pilot Program addresses out of the 911 GIS system. Schwab moved, seconded by Mathern to provide First District GIS Pilot Program with address points. All aye. Motion carried.

Renaissance Zone – Tim Meyer came before the board and asked for support from the County Commission in extending the Renaissance Zone. Mathern moved, seconded by Schwab to support the extension of the Renaissance Zone. All aye. Motion carried.

Ryan Hoff – appeared before the board to discuss some concerns he has with snake hill curving and being on his property. Hoff is going to do some research and get back to the board once he looks into the right of ways.

Motor Vehicle – Kathie Erickson and Darla Haecherl appeared before the board to discuss changes in the office. Erickson let the board know that if motor vehicle were to move out of the treasurer’s office, she feels they would need to hire at least one more person for motor vehicle and a part time person for treasurer’s office. There would be benefits of moving motor vehicle out of the treasurer’s office such as putting it in a location on ground level so it is easier for mobility impaired individuals. It would also allow more room for the county to pick up driver’s license if they choose to do that. The Ransom County motor vehicle office has seen a huge increase in customers since Covid in 2020.

Farmer’s Union – Lance Gulleson and Jon Guzman appeared before the board to ask permission to quote Blue Cross Blue Sheild, Sanford, and NDPhit for health insurance. Mathern moved, seconded by Bishop to give Gulleson permission to run numbers for other health insurance policies. All aye. Motion carried.

KLJ – Scott Smyth appeared before the board to discuss the bids that came in for the Anslem bridge. KLJ expected the project to cost around 2.6 million and Schrader Contracting was the low bidder who came in at 2.4 million. The county has federal funding for the bridge which is capped at 1.25 million, the county will be responsible for the remainder of the funds. The project must be complete by the end of 2024.

Sheriff’s Department – Sheriff Darren Benneweis let the board know office deputy Lynn Gonzalez is no longer with the county. Mathern moved, seconded by Schwab to correct the discrepancy in Gonzalez’s pay where she was over paid, and take out of her remaining vacation before that is all paid out to her. All aye. Motion carried.

Nelson Pig Farm- A letter was sent to Nelson Pig Farm requesting proof of ownership to make sure they are in compliance with the conditional use permit in Ransom County.

Neil Olerud – let the board know that the bus barn has a small bus that could work for the judging team with NDSU Extension. The board told Olerud to do a little more research and set a price point of $5000.

Health Insurance – Premiums will go up in June the board discussed if they are willing to contribute anymore to the counties portion. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to continue paying 100% of single, 82% family plans, and 100% of licensed peace officers health insurance. All aye. Motion carried.

Shelly Schwab – recorder appeared before the board to let them know she found an easement from Philp Hoff to Ransom County that was recorded in 1951and entered in 1949 for the road on snake hill.

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Nicole Gentzkow Connie Gilbert, Chairman

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