**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting- July 18, 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. Mathern moved, seconded by Schwab to approve agenda. All Aye. Motion carried.

Minutes- from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on July 7, 2023 were reviewed by the board. Schwab moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the July 7, 2023 minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual Warrants- was reviewed in the amount of $1,379.66 and $184.61-. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the manual warrants in the amount of $ with corrections. All aye. Motion passed.

Commission Audit Listing- was reviewed in the amount of $ 217,837.65. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to approve commissioners audit listing for the amount of $217,837.65. All motioned aye. Motioned passed.

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| ALICETON TOWNSHIP  | 3,755.38 |
| ALLEGHANY TOWNSHIP  | 4,548.37 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE  | 150.65 |
| BALE TOWNSHIP  | 5,978.47 |
| BEAR CREEK GRAVEL  | 26,308.86 |
| BIG BEND TOWNSHIP  | 1,500.86 |
| CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL  | 609.31 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.  | 4,111.95 |
| CASEY TOWNSHIP  | 2,677.35 |
| CITY VIEW FUEL LLC  | 859.10 |
| COBURN TOWNSHIP  | 1,707.55 |
| CUSTOM CREATIONS  | 4,000.00 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY  | 435.48 |
| DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  | 19,775.19 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 335.96 |
| ELLIOTT TOWNSHIP  | 1,613.03 |
| FORT RANSOM TOWNSHIP  | 878.06 |
| FRIDRYCH, SARA  | 93.34 |
| GENTZKOW, NICOLE  | 35.00 |
| GONZALEZ, JORGE  | 1,761.12 |
| HANSON TOWNSHIP  | 7,640.40 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY  | 129.08 |
| HENRICKS, TYLER  | 1,501.43 |
| HOENHAUSE, JODY  | 43,617.44 |
| HR COLLABORATIVE  | 50.00 |
| ISLAND PARK TOWNSHIP  | 13,501.01 |
| ISLEY TOWNSHIP  | 2,958.94 |
| JONES, CHELSEY  | 392.48 |
| KOTACO  | 8.39 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN  | 119.89 |
| LESMANN, PEGGY  | 75.00 |
| LESMEISTER GRAVEL  | 51,994.39 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 37.98 |
| MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME  | 199.99 |
| MICHAELSON, TIM  | 97.27 |
| MODERN MARKETING-PLANO  | 802.34 |
| MOORE TOWNSHIP  | 1,282.88 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION  | 240.00 |
| PRESTON TOWNSHIP  | 1,501.50 |
| PROUTY,MARIA  | 306.04 |
| RANSOM COUNTY SADD CHAPTER  | 1,500.00 |
| RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER  | 35.94 |
| ROSEMEADE TOWNSHIP  | 1,557.90 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 2,946.48 |
| SCOVILLE TOWNSHIP  | 181.88 |
| SHEETS-OLSON, BARBARA  | 75.00 |
| SHELVER, ROBIN  | 94.65 |
| STURDEVANT'S INC  | 57.09 |
| SYDNA TOWNSHIP  | 2,424.32 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 91.01 |
| TULLER TOWNSHIP  | 537.18 |
| WELTON, BRENNA  | 163.00 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE  | 153.75 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC.  | 63.00 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA  | 61.60 |
| XTREME PRODUCTS  | 62.98 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN  | 240.39 |
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| Total | 217,837.65 |

Derek Johnson- appeared before the board to discuss financials April-June. Bishop made a motion to accept financials, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

Semap assessment update- standard rating/high performance rating.

PHA Consolidation proposal- wanting to put the ACC contract into one contract. Getting a feel to see if this is in the counties best interest. Funds are 100% tax dollars. Quarterly mtg would come to an end. Board agreed worth perusing 1/1/24 or 1/1/25.

Ransom County Housing Authority Minutes from 4/10/2023. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the Ransom County Housing Authority Minutes. All aye. Motion passed.

Adam Schultz- Schultz appeared before the board to discuss internet for the shop. Schultz stated that he checked with DRN which would be $80 per month and MLGC would be $90 per month. Schultz also stated that wiring is free, and that he is checking into pricing with Verizon.

Training RDO- was discussed, it would take place in Cole Valley Illinois on the RDO training grounds. Cost would be $1500 per person and working on getting a private jet and looking into hotel rooms. Hotel and private jet would both be covered by the county. The first day would consist of hands-on training and an assessment test. Second day would be training then re-taking the test. Would also take a tour of the plant where the machine is built. Mentioned how it would be a 3-part deal; training/comradery/walk through. The question was asked, “Do we want to move forward with the training? Who do we send?” Schwab liked the idea of cross training. The cost would be roughly $8,000 to send four guys. County has approximately 250 miles of gravel roads. Schwab motioned, seconded by Mathern to get a date, time and work on private jet. Would be sending four veterans this time and four new guys next year. All aye. Motioned carried.

Ward Kuehn- appeared before the board to discuss old county shop. Kuehn would like to see the old county shop split. Sheriff department would go in the front of the shop and Road Crew in the back. Code four could work indoors and would be able to unthaw the squad cars. Kuehn also suggested that there would need to be a wall put down the center, and there would be a place for them to search vehicles indoors in the winter. Schultz stated that it would not be a huge loss to them to lose that space. Updating out shop eventually would like pickups at each out shop, which would give the main county shop more room for storage. Schultz also stated that the wall would need to be enclosed, as there is only 80% of a wall there. Kuehn will get an estimate on wall concrete repair and bathroom repair. Just heat bathroom, water heater and keep heat in actual shop very low.

Airboat- was discussed on if we should keep or sell. The board stated that Darren Benneweis needs to be present for that conversation.

Randy Gallagher- appeared before the board to let them know that the retractable ladders are up and everything is complete for grant. Curt is going to fix siding at Public Health. Dennis Jones is going to do the stair repair. Gallagher also stated that he would like the bathrooms professionally cleaned which would consist of deep clean, grout, lighting and re-paint. Along with tile floor cleaning which would be roughly $6,100 for the bathrooms. Gallagher also let the board know that he handed keys and everything over to Social Services for them to handle. Gallagher also expressed his concerns with employees quitting and not giving keys back or system updated so they can no longer access the building. Also, how the Sheriff’s department has so many keys that Gallagher has no clue who has what.

Suzanne will no longer be doing 1 day a week. Tony Carrol will try to pick up that extra day. If more help is needed periodically Kathie Gallagher can also help out. Carrol works roughly 2.5 hours per day. Kathie to get the same pay as Tony Carrol.

Carpet cleaners would come in and do the commissioner room, Tax office and the recorders office.

Connie will email information from Schwanda Shroeder from UND to Nicole. She will also put on Facebook, a flyer at Public Health and the Senior Center.

Gallagher addressed the plumbing issues. Stated that he sent out an email and will also put notes up.

Bishop motioned, seconded by Mathern to sign the conditional use permits presented by Fallon. All aye. Motion passed.

Lisbon Rec Board, $3,000 grant for electronic score board at Dead Colt. Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the grant for the electronic score board. All aye. Motion passed.

Kevin Bishop left at 11:20 a.m.

Board decided to have a budget meeting tomorrow July 19th, 2023 at 8 a.m.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 12:40 a.m.

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