RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – August 15, 2023

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

Agenda – was reviewed. Olerud made a motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – Bishop made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Mathern seconded. Discussion was had. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills – bills were reviewed in the amount of $102,359.10. Bishop made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of $102,359.10. Seconded by Schwab. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ABST LAW  | 1,023.00 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 49.22 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE  | 198.47 |
| CHAMP SOFTWARE, INC.  | 13,410.00 |
| COLE PAPERS, INC.  | 159.20 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 2,253.00 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 3,105.00 |
| CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC  | 46.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 2,192.57 |
| ERICKSON, KATHIE  | 5.25 |
| FAT MAN TRASH  | 210.00 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE  | 14,900.01 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY  | 61.43 |
| GARDEN PAVILION  | 10.00 |
| GENTZKOW, NICOLE  | 109.63 |
| GILBERT, CONNIE  | 153.98 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN  | 50.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 33.28 |
| HAECHERL, TERESA  | 91.00 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY  | 166.50 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY  | 75.00 |
| JONES MASONARY  | 2,750.00 |
| JONES, CHELSEY  | 104.90 |
| KELLY, FALLON M.  | 1,000.05 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN  | 450.43 |
| LIBERTY TOWNSHIP  | 1,103.30 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 95.10 |
| MLGC  | 569.88 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK  | 1,709.96 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION  | 24,480.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE-7510  | 9,873.40 |
| PARISIEN,KELSEY  | 164.41 |
| QUAL, ANGELA  | 250.00 |
| RAMKOTA HOTEL OF BISMARCK  | 793.80 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 751.80 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC  | 55.00 |
| REINKE, KRISTIE  | 64.00 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  | 4,597.35 |
| RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER  | 46.38 |
| ROTENBERGER, LONNIE  | 91.00 |
| RUNCK, NICKELA  | 109.63 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 2,731.37 |
| TEXTMYGOV  | 3,200.00 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 79.20 |
| US IMAGING  | 8,263.88 |
| WEIDNER,SAMANTHA  | 300.55 |
| WELTON, BRENNA  | 168.12 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC.  | 67.50 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA  | 28.17 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN  | 157.38 |
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| Total | 102,359.10 |

Fallon Kelly arrived at 9:22

Wild Prairie Pork – Amber Stricker, the manager with Wild Prairie Pork and Amber Wood with the ND Livestock Association appeared before the board wanting a better understanding on what the commission is trying to seek. Ryan Schwab was also in attendance. Wild Prairie Pork had a well drilled in November of last year and has been using it since February 1st. Wild Prairie Pork are still members of Southeast Water Users. Stricker was reassuring the board that they will not go over the well usage and stay below the levels. Schwab had questions for Stricker regarding information he had received from Kelly.

Schwab made a motion to rescind what was made to use well. Motion dies without second.

The board had asked Kelly if he had any suggestions. Kelly suggested to continue on signing the permit without any changes. Or, the board can modify the permit before it is signed, and Wild Prairie Pork would have to report the well usage.

Olerud made a motion to approve permit as drafted with modification paragraph 21 that Wild Prairie Pork shall continue to record water usage and make records available to county for inspection periodically as determined by the county. Mathern Seconded. Discussion was had. Roll call: Mathern; yes, Olerud; yes, Bishop; yes, Schwab; no, Gilbert; no. Motion carries.

Kelly will add new language to paragraph 21 on permit.

KLJ Engineering – Scott Smyth came before the board and gave an update on Fox Farm and McRitchie bridge. Olerud made a motion to sign the Scope of Services with Fallon’s approval. Bishop seconded. All aye. Motion carried. Smyth gave the county road estimate costs on how much it would cost to pave the Sheldon and Englevale road. The board had asked Smyth when he predicts Fox Farm bridge will get started, he thinks this winter or early spring.

Adam Schultz – Schultz gave an update on graveling and blading. He would like to see it completed by September 1st. Schultz would like to see the county do permitting for the roads. Schwab let Schultz and the other board members know that RDO is willing to cover an extra $2000 dollars for the training that is Illinois.

Schwab made a motion to send four guys to training. Seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

Local Charity gaming permit – two permits were submitted with the appropriate fees for Tracy Van’t Hul Leukemia benefit and Good Shepard Lutheran church.

Olerud made a motion to approve Tracy Van’t Hul Leukemia benefit. Seconded by Bishop. All aye. Motion carried.

Bishop made a motion to approve the Good Shepard Lutheran church. Seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

Fort Ransom Sod Busters – requested a donation of $4,000 dollars. The request will be tabled until looking into further and will be brought up the next commissioner meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54

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