RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – October 3, 2023

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

Agenda – was reviewed. State’s Attorney Fallon Kelly was added at 11:00 a.m. to discuss Wild Prairie Pork. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled meeting on September 19, 2023 were reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual Warrants – in the amount of $38,380.87 were reviewed by the board. Discussion was had. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve manual warrants in the amount of $38,380.87. All aye. Motion carried.

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| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 258.09 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 104.83 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 7.77 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 229.01 |
| MARCO | 137.38 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 352.80 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 28.71 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 51.81 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 12.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 13.75 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 88.20 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 97.02 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 97.02 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -8.82 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -8.82 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 64.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 43.57 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 58.12 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 91.35 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 58.76 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 258.15 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.74 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.95 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 291.57 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 26.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 24.44 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -11.74 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.95 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.74 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 35.90 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 21.97 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 35.90 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -35.90 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 167.15 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 167.15 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 1.27 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 33.69 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.86 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.64 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -21.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 36.96 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 172.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 46.52 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 169.90 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 77.63 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 931.60 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 90.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 180.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 36.45 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 55.96 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 4,697.06 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 58.62 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 63.49 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 71.79 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 10.78 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 25.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 436.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 4.93 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 55.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 5.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 234.65 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 65.81 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 12.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 67.97 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 95.88 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 71.87 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 38.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 495.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 84.76 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 53.59 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 35.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 10.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 94.75 |
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| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 49.09 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 48.74 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 594.62 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 137.78 |
| BELL BANK | 338.26 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 180.14 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 39.50 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 41.92 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 5.00 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 48.15 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 317.39 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 62.70 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 34.21 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 631.57 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 15.20 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 10.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 34.77 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 55.20 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 158.65 |
| SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 72.14 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 700.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 700.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 175.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 175.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 175.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 23.93 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 649.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 7,382.16 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 90.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 1,951.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 82.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -73.82 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -185.19 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 176.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 193.72 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 25.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 6.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 18.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -14.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -18.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 18.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 1,318.24 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 5,498.22 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 1,720.39 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 52.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 84.76 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 80.02 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 91.29 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 88.20 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 577.92 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 380.41 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 900.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 64.58 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 184.80 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 37.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 70.30 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 150.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 99.45 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 109.37 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 22.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 103.55 |
| **Grand Totals:** | **38,380.87** |

Commission Audit Listing – was reviewed in the amount of $68,053.68. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the commission audit listing in the amount of $68,053.68. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ABST LAW  | 1,260.00 |
| BREMER INSURANCE  | 50.00 |
| CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL  | 4,643.13 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY  | 214.16 |
| DAKOTA OASIS  | 300.00 |
| ENDERLIN INDEPENDENT  | 110.00 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE  | 9,933.34 |
| GENTZKOW, NICOLE  | 337.86 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN  | 50.00 |
| GLACIER DUST CONTROL  | 2,229.45 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 2,534.17 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY  | 75.00 |
| KELLY, FALLON M.  | 854.16 |
| KOTACO  | 9,734.40 |
| LEXIPOL LLC  | 2,900.47 |
| LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER  | 1,213.24 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 268.35 |
| MLGC  | 569.88 |
| N D SECRETARY OF STATE  | 36.00 |
| NDAE4-HYW  | 150.00 |
| ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC  | 19.47 |
| OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR  | 9,505.00 |
| QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.  | 4,000.00 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC  | 868.86 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 160.00 |
| ROACH, BERNADINE  | 121.13 |
| RUNCK, NICKELA  | 30.00 |
| TRUENORTH STEEL  | 15,837.93 |
| US BANK VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS  | 47.68 |
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| Total | 68,053.68 |

Ransom County Housing Authority – Derek Johnson appeared before the board to let the board know he had the public hearing for the housing authority and no one attended. There were no changes to the Civil Rights Certification. Olerud moved to sign the civil rights certification, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried. Johnson also went over the financials for July, August, and September 2023. Mathern moved to approve the financials as presented by Johnson, seconded by Bishop. All aye. Motion carried. Johnson also introduced his new deputy director out of Fargo Tanya Taylor.

Sheriff Darren Benneweis - appeared before the board to give estimates he got from Corey Adolf to make some repairs on the old county shop building. Schwab asked Benneweis to check around for another quote or two. Benneweis also let the board know K9 Jake had a relapse with his cancer and had to be put to sleep.

Counties Providing Technology – Bob, Gwen, Erica, and Mike appeared before the board to apologize and let the board know they made a huge mistake dropping North Dakota counties. CPT has since reorganized, and would like to ask Ransom County to stay with them for technology software.

Blue Cross Blue Sheild – Derek VanDyke appeared before the board to give a quote and plan identical to the Sanford Pers with the exception that the Blue Cross Blue Sheild plan will allow employees to go to many other clinics including Essentia, CHI, and Mayo in network unlike Sanford Pers. The Blue Cross Blue Sheid policy also has Family, Adults (Couple), Single plus dependents, and dependents. Due to the added options of the Blue Cross Blue Sheild plans this will save the county around $115,000 per calendar year. Blue Cross Blue Sheild plan does not coverage the commissioners however, they are able to purchase a different policy.

Wild Prairie Pork – Fallon Kelly arrived to discuss the Wild Prairie Pork water meter that was sent via a picture from Doug Merch the attorney for Wild Prairie Pork and the picture Sheriff Darren Benneweis took. The board can monitor the water meter monthly if they choose, per the conditional use permit.

Bob Dick – horses owned by Bob Dick were discussed. Pictures were shown of the horses and the terrible condition they were in. Sheriff Darren Benneweis is currently working on this case.

Darren Benneweis, Nicole Gentzkow, and Kirsten Gilbert - presented a plan to the board for an addition removing Kirsten Gilbert from the court room floor due to security and placing the court room, clerk of courts office, jury room, judges’ chambers all on ground level of the courthouse building to keep angry people exiting court out of the other offices while exiting the building. Benneweis, Gentzkow, and Gilbert asked the board for permission to go to the architect to draw up a blue print and then try to submit to the state of ND under court room facility grant due December 31, 2023. Mathern moved, seconded by Bishop to allow architect to draw up plans and get pricing so a grant could be submitted to the court facility grant. All aye. Motion carried. The architect fee will come out of equipment and improvement.

A letter was received from NDIRF stating Alinder was found negligent for the car crash and no liability will fall on the county.

Jodi Fugl and Rick Mairs are both willing to serve another term on school reorganization board. Olerud moved to appoint Fugl and Mairs to the existing boards, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motin carried.

Sundale sent a letter to the county letting them know of the public hearing for the hog finishing barns.

Good Shepherd WELCA - submitted a local permit along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved to approve the local permit, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

Tax Director – Teresa Haecherl appeared before the board asking for permission to switch to Sidwell. Olerud moved, seconded by Biship to allow Haecherl to purchase Sidwell.

Budget was discussed.

Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud to not go with Tyler Technologies and stay with CPT based off the department heads recommendations of those that use the program. All aye. Motion carried.

Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to switch from Sanford Pers to Blue Cross Blue Sheild for health insurance as of January 1, 2024. The board will purchase addition plans for the commissioners as needed. All aye. Motion carried.

Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to drop the final budget four mills. Roll call vote: Mathern – no, Olerud – no, Bishop – no, Schwab – yes. Motion failed.

Mathern moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the final budget as is. Roll call vote: Mathern – yes, Olerud – yes, Bishop- yes, Schwab – no. Motion passed.

Policy handbook will be discussed on October 17, 2023.

Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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Ransom County Deputy Auditor Ransom County Commission