RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – September 19, 2023

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

Agenda – was reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded Bishop to approve the agenda presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled meeting on September 5, 2023 were reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills – in the amount of $161,505.46 were reviewed. Schwab moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the bills in the amount of $161,505.46. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ABST LAW  | 2,296.50 |
| ACQUISIGN, LLC  | 300.00 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 150.34 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER  | 255.00 |
| BEAR CREEK GRAVEL  | 14,154.35 |
| BUELING, LANCE  | 750.00 |
| CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL  | 14,519.86 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.  | 33,653.60 |
| CITY VIEW FUEL LLC  | 329.98 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 5,775.00 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 2,945.00 |
| CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC  | 135.24 |
| CUSTOM CREATIONS  | 800.00 |
| DAKOTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS  | 100.00 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS  | 56.00 |
| DELTATRAK  | 99.41 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 2,296.95 |
| FAT MAN TRASH  | 210.00 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY  | 80.46 |
| GEINERT, RUTH  | 388.60 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 1,417.48 |
| HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.  | 133.45 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY  | 313.28 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 1,936.75 |
| ISANTI COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE  | 140.00 |
| JONES, CHELSEY  | 67.00 |
| KELLER, MALLORY  | 750.00 |
| KOTACO  | 8.52 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN  | 67.00 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 37.94 |
| MATTHEW BENDER & CO. INC  | 28.58 |
| MODERN MARKETING-PLANO  | 4,272.53 |
| MOTOROLA, INC.  | 400.00 |
| ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC  | 262.44 |
| OLERUD, SCOTT  | 180.00 |
| QUAL, ANGELA  | 250.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 755.32 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO  | 1,318.67 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC  | 55.00 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  | 1,587.17 |
| RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER  | 1,742.36 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 3,327.00 |
| STARION BOND SERVICES  | 24,133.75 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 91.01 |
| TRUENORTH STEEL  | 4,860.00 |
| US RECORDS MIDWEST LLC  | 1,039.36 |
| WALKER'S LAWNCARE  | 31,444.00 |
| WEIDNER,SAMANTHA  | 53.99 |
| WELTON, BRENNA  | 451.74 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE  | 157.50 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC.  | 67.50 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN  | 859.83 |
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| Total | 161,505.46 |

Randy Gallagher – appeared before the board to let them know Tony Carol’s last day will be September 30, 2023. Gallagher has an ad in the paper, he has had two people possibly interested. Gallagher is wondering if he doesn’t get anyone hired, can he contract a cleaning company to help. Gallagher also let the board know he bought a pull behind spreader to sprinkle salt on the parking lot this winter to help with the ice issues.

Scott Smyth – appeared before the board to let them know KLJ is proposing to offer $500 for temporary easements and $600 for permanent easements for residents along the Fox Farm Bridge. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to accept KLJ’s recommendation for price on acquiring land. All aye. Motion carried. Smyth also let the board know their DOT meeting will be Monday October 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. The contractor is set to start working on the Anslem Bridge early spring 2024.

10:00 a.m. Preliminary Budget Hearing - Ben Gemar, Luc Butzon, Roger Elijah, and Thad Witte attended the preliminary budget hearing. The board asked if they had any questions, they did not.

Jorge Gonzalez – appeared before the board to give a report on the k9 dog Jake. Jake was diagnosed with stage four lymphoma in July. Gonzalez picked for Jake to get the least invasive treatment, at the time Jake seems to be improving and gaining weight.

Sheriff Darren Benneweis – appeared before the board to let them know deputy Maley will be deploying for the next calendar year. Joe Greer was working for the sheriff’s department part time as needed, but he has accepted a full-time position in Lamoure County. Benneweis is asking permission to hire a full-time temporary officer to help cover while Maley is deployed. Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to allow Benneweis to hire a full-time temporary officer to cover during Maley’s deployment. All aye. Motion carried. Benneweis asked the board if he can not find a licensed officer would the board be willing to send someone to the academy. The academy is free, so it would only be cost the county wages and travel expenses. Benneweis will talk to State’s Attorney Fallon Kelly to get a contract written up so the individual can’t just leave if offered another position after Ransom County paid them to go to the academy.

Adam Schultz – highway super intendent appeared before the board and gave some quotes on propane tanks if the county chooses to buy them so they can get propane from multiple vendors. Schultz also discussed purchasing the old Sheldon Fire Hall. The board decided if the bidding went above $40,000 Schultz needed to call the portfolio holders. Schultz also asked the board if they would be in favor of him trading the bobcat for a telehandler. Schwab moved to allow Schultz purchase a propane tank, seconded by Bishop. All aye. Motion carried.

County hand book will be discussed at the next commission meeting.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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