**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting- July 7, 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. Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to approve agenda. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Minutes- from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on June 20, 2023 were reviewed by the board. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the June 20, 2023 commission minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion approved.

Manual Warrants- was reviewed in the amount of $16,563.63. Schwab moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the manual warrants for the amount of $16,563.63. All aye. Motioned passed.

Commission Audit Listing- was reviewed in the amount of $83,684.52. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve commissioners audit listing for the amount of $83,684.52. All motioned aye. Motioned passed.

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| ALLEGHANY TOWNSHIP  | 743.63 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 49.22 |
| BANKNORTH  | 120.00 |
| BEAR CREEK GRAVEL  | 22,177.24 |
| BIG BEND TOWNSHIP  | 612.00 |
| CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL  | 5,262.00 |
| CASEY TOWNSHIP  | 651.38 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 1,599.00 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 2,945.00 |
| DAKOTA OASIS  | 170.00 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS  | 72.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 1,533.65 |
| ELLIOTT TOWNSHIP  | 699.75 |
| ENGQUIST,HEIDI  | 495.04 |
| FORT RANSOM TOWNSHIP  | 1,010.63 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN  | 50.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 97.23 |
| HANSON TOWNSHIP  | 675.00 |
| HEFTY SEED COMPANY  | 156.88 |
| HENRICKS, TYLER  | 120.00 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY  | 75.00 |
| ISLAND PARK TOWNSHIP  | 1,218.71 |
| KELLY, FALLON M.  | 1,465.60 |
| KOTACO  | 8.76 |
| LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER  | 477.61 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 119.93 |
| MLGC  | 569.88 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK  | 30.00 |
| NEWMAN SIGNS  | 208.09 |
| ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC  | 372.39 |
| OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR  | 9,500.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO  | 32.88 |
| PRESTON TOWNSHIP  | 555.38 |
| QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.  | 928.58 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC  | 868.86 |
| QUAL, ANGELA  | 500.00 |
| QUILL CORPORATION  | 59.84 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 844.56 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC  | 17.50 |
| REINKE, JOSEPH  | 763.70 |
| ROSEMEADE TOWNSHIP  | 987.75 |
| SCOVILLE TOWNSHIP  | 420.00 |
| SERVICEMASTER OF OAKES  | 684.85 |
| SPRAYSYNC  | 9,550.00 |
| STURDEVANT'S INC  | 337.05 |
| SWEDE'S PLUMBING, INC.  | 219.00 |
| TITAN MACHINERY  | 15.75 |
| TULLER TOWNSHIP  | 1,152.38 |
| TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.  | 600.00 |
| VANGUARD APPRAISALS  | 11,825.00 |
| WEIDNER,SAMANTHA  | 35.82 |
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| Total | 83,684.52 |

Brian Zimprich- appeared before the board to discuss hotel rooms during the state fair. Zimprich will be gone at the State Fair all week while Sam will only be attending 2 nights. The hotel would not honor state rate so rooms are $150 per night. Olerud moved to approve the hotel rooms, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion approved.

Bea Roach- appeared before the board to discuss her retirement and office transition. Roach stated that she will be done first few days of January. Roach would like to stay on a few days a week for at least a year as a consultant for her replacement. Roach would like to transition out marriage license, passports and DD214’s. Shelly Schwab, recorder is willing to take that over. Roach also presented a job description to the board; Roach stated the Court Administrator of Fargo is willing to sit in on interviews if asked.

Sundale Colony- appeared before the board with Amber Wood with ND Livestock Alliance for a public hearing to discuss a conditional use permit for a finishing swine barn. The colony stated that it would be 100% containment and house 5,000 animals. Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the conditional use permit. Fallon Kelly will draw up the conditional use permit to be signed.

Darla Smith- appeared before the board wondering where stray dogs should go. Smith voiced her concerns; no changes were made.

Island Park Motel- Mathern brought up that he looked into who owns the hotel and found out that the owner lived at the Beverly Ann. Mathern will contact the owner.

RSR Zone- Lynn Flieth from the RSR board asked to have Lisa Mitskog appointed to the RSR board as the Representative to sit in for the region. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to appoint Mitskog to the RSR Zone board. All aye. Motion carried.

Nathan Spiekermeier- appeared before the board to discuss laying drain tile pipe to direct water flow. Spiekermeier stated that the pipe would go 1 mile south of Sheldon, it would be an 18-inch pipe and be at the 57th and 141st intersection. Water will flow south and east across Ryan Bartholomay’s field and eventually ends up in the Maple. Spiekermeier is requesting to cut the road not bore. Discussion was had. The board will discuss with Fallon Kelly and get back to Spiekermeier.

Scott Smyth- appeared before the board stating that the DOT is allocating more funds for counties. This will possibly allow more funding on the Anslem bridge. Smyth looked into the lagoon road per the commissioner’s request. If the board chooses to make the lagoon road a CMC road so it is eligible for federal funding it would need to get up to standards. It could also be an off-system road, but no federal funds would be allowed to be used on the road then. Smyth let the board know the county road by the trailer court is destroyed, Smyth’s recommendation is turning the road to gravel for roughly ½ mile. Elliott and Englevale roads have transverse cracks, Smyth recommended crack leveling. Smyth stated that Lamoure County has the equipment and it cost them around $10,000 to do main street running through Kulm. The processes took Lamoure Road crew approximately 3-4 days. Smyth is working on getting quotes, $75 per router per site.

Ryan Hoff- appeared before the board to discuss easement rights. Hoff stated his property goes down to the Vets home. Hoff stated there are no easement rights on his property, and he doesn’t want people driving on his property. Hoff stated he is going to close his part of snake hill.

Kirsten Gilbert- appeared before the board to discuss the snow bill county totals. Gilbert stated that the early season brought in $115,832 and full season brought in 144,237.46 which was a total of $260,690.57. There were 17 townships total that will receive payment.

RSR- budget was reviewed. Schwab moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the RSR budget. All aye. Motion carried.

FOP Insurance - was discussed. The board is going to stand by the decision they will not pay FOP dues for the officers. Gonzalez will need to pay the County back for insurance dues paid through January 2024.

Ransom County Park Board- A budget request of $3000 was requested by Lisbon Rec Board for a digital score board at Dead Colt. Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to give $3000 to the Lisbon Rec board pending approval of Park Board members Greg Evenson and Tyler Modlin. All aye. Motion carried.

Job Development- approved Shelly Schwab to be on the Job Development board to represent Elliott and Englevale area. Mathern moved, seconded by Greg Schwab to appoint Shelly Schwab on the job development board. Gilbert called for the question, roll call vote was taken: Mathern- yes, Olerud- no, Bishop- no, Schwab- yes, Gilbert-no. Motion failed.

Cowboy up- Offsite liquor permit was submitted along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the offsite permit. All aye. Motion carried.

Hauge Memorial VFW Auxiliary- submitted a gaming permit along with the appropriate fee. Bishop moved, Olerud seconded to approve the permit through 2023. A separate permit will need to be submitted for the 2024 dates. All aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Gonzalez – Filed an unemployment claim against Ransom County, the board disagrees with the reason Gonzalez claims to have been let go. A telephone court hearing has been set for July 12, 2023. Gentzkow will be attending the Auditor/Treasurer conference on that date and has asked for a commissioner to step in if Job Service doesn’t grant a new court date. Greg Schwab will step in on the court date on Wednesday July 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

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