RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – May 2, 2023

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

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

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on April 18, 2023 were reviewed. Mike Bassingwaite with Interstate Engineering reached out to Auditor Nicole Gentzkow when she sent a copy of the recommendation made by the commission regarding Big Bend Township cutting an approach to ease water at Benji Froemke’s residence. Bassingwaite had advised in an email that not everything was quite what he had said. He had discussed cutting the field approach, but Bassingwaite followed up to say based on a further look it might not work well as it could just transfer the problem to the downstream road and flood the State Highway. Benji was pretty tired and worked up on Monday night so maybe Bassingwaite wasn’t clear. Bassingwaite was going to follow up with Benji and the waterboard right away. Mathern approved the minutes with corrections, seconded by Schwab. All aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Gonzalez arrived to the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Manual Warrants – were reviewed in the amount of 13,392.27. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve manual warrants in the amount of $13,392.27. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3298 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 164.50 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3299 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 1,441.87 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3300 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 552.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3301 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 490.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3302 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.99 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3303 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 4.34 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3304 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 13.97 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3305 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 25.87 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3306 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 21.87 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3307 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 149.99 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3308 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 298.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3309 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.84 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3310 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.84 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3311 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.84 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3312 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 88.20 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3313 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 88.20 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3314 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 133.10 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3315 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 5.50 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3316 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3317 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 22.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3318 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 5.50 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3319 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 29.17 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3320 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 496.12 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3321 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -73.26 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3322 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 6.79 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3323 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 22.99 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3324 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 16.29 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3325 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 197.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3326 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 32.10 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3327 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.58 |
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| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3330 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 9.29 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3331 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 117.52 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3332 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 58.12 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3333 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 6.00 |
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| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3335 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 68.99 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3336 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 31.49 |
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| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3338 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 366.40 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3339 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 295.00 |
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| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3347 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 13.99 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3348 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 2,467.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3349 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 46.17 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3350 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 37.57 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3351 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 140.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3352 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 140.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3353 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 259.87 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3354 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 749.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3355 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 97.02 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3356 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 88.20 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3357 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -8.82 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3358 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 189.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3359 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 189.00 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3360 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 863.10 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3361 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 42.99 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3362 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 179.99 |
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| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3365 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 10.29 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3366 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 18.93 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3367 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 1.83 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3368 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -1.83 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3369 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.42 |
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| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3376 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 42.40 |
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| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3379 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 42.40 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3380 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 40.01 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3381 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 40.01 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3382 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 94.75 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3383 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 120.94 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3384 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 595.89 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3385 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 51.57 |
| 4/27/23 | 5/23 | 3386 | 3346 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 595.64 |
| 5/01/23 | 5/23 | 3387 | 3243 | MARCO | 137.38 |
| 5/01/23 | 5/23 | 3388 | 3243 | MARCO | 10.00 |
| 5/01/23 | 5/23 | 3389 | 3243 | MARCO | 7.32 |
| 5/01/23 | 5/23 | 3390 | 3243 | MARCO | 27.40 |
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Commission Audit Listing – in the amount of $405,083.94 were reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the commissioners audit listing in the amount of $405,083.94. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ADVANCED ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL | 235.44 |
| ALICETON TOWNSHIP | 4,139.30 |
| ALLEGHANY TOWNSHIP | 3,805.89 |
| BALE TOWNSHIP | 12,057.25 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 9,660.00 |
| CASEY TOWNSHIP | 1,017.40 |
| CITY VIEW FUEL LLC | 548.26 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY | 359.80 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER | 2,315.94 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS | 56.00 |
| ELLIOTT TOWNSHIP | 10,122.04 |
| FARMERS UNION INSURANCE | 317.00 |
| FAT MAN TRASH | 210.00 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE | 24,833.35 |
| FORT RANSOM TOWNSHIP | 5,762.49 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 1,144.37 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 1,214.40 |
| ISLAND PARK TOWNSHIP | 24,830.40 |
| JOMY INC. | 17,306.08 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 97.31 |
| LISBON BODY SHOP | 240.00 |
| LISBON OIL COMPANY | 37,483.96 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 66.75 |
| LYNN JOHNSON LOCK & KEY SERVICE | 682.00 |
| MARCO | 556.70 |
| MOORE TOWNSHIP | 9,397.62 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK | 15.00 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION | 383.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE-7510 | 6,705.79 |
| O X RANCH | 37,600.00 |
| OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER LLC | 11,170.24 |
| OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL-1250 | 1,735.00 |
| OHNSTAD TWICHELL, PC | 272.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 67.27 |
| PHARMCHEM | 95.85 |
| PRESTON TOWNSHIP | 7,443.09 |
| RANSOM CO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | 54,640.44 |
| RANSOM CO WATER RESOURCE DIST | 32,500.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR | 55.68 |
| RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION | 75,000.00 |
| SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS | 195.00 |
| STOUDT MILLER, INC. | 1,414.35 |
| STURDEVANT'S INC | 112.76 |
| SYDNA TOWNSHIP | 1,451.32 |
| THE TESSMAN COMPANY | 297.24 |
| TULLER TOWNSHIP | 5,336.58 |
| X-STREAM CLEAN CAR WASH LISBON | 121.00 |
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| Total | 405,083.94 |
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Highway Department – Greg Schwab let the board know he and Neil Olerud, along with the committee selected at the last commission meeting interviewed for highway superintendent, and Adam Schultz had been promoted to superintendent. Schwab let the board know he had offered one of the maintainer positions to the other candidate. The other candidate is thinking the offer over and will get back to the board.

5 County meeting – agenda items were discussed. Departure of CPT and thoughts of Tyler were discussed.

Tax Department – Teresa Haecherl, tax director appeared before the board to let them know she has a potential new hire. Haecherl is wondering if they came from a state entity would the county take the vacation and sick leave. The board discussed. New employees will start with a zero balance.

Scott Smyth – from KLJ let the board know that the sovereign land permit was approved for the Anselm bridge project. The bridge is estimated to be around 2.6 million per KLJ’s estimates. Bid opening will be May 12, 2023. Smyth also let the board know he has submitted the severance land permit for the Fox Farm Bridge. NDDOT is looking for the document that was sent via DocuSign, Smyth reminded the board that McRitchie is fully funded by the DOT. Mathern moved, seconded by Schwab to have Chair Gilbert sign the DocuSign document once Fallon Kelly approves it. All aye. Motion carried. Anselm Bridge project is capped at 1.25 million, the county will be responsible for anything after that.

Jorge Gonzalez arrived at 10:20 a.m.

Joe Mathern let the board know he was notified the county plow operator hit some mailboxes along the Sheldon Road and took them off at the steel post. Mathern was asked if the county will pay to replace them. Schwab and Mathern feel the county should pay to fix them. They will talk to Adam and have it taken care of.

RSR Zone Board – Lynn Flieth director of the RSR Zone board appeared before the board to discuss the indirect cost split between Ransom, Sargent, and Richland, originally when the zone was set up the commissions decided on a 50/25/25 split. At the time of picking the 50/25/25 split no one knew if this was the right number, but the boards decided to try it and if needed to adjust down the road it could be done. Flieth provided numbers showing Richland County is taking on more indirect cost than Ransom or Sargent and the number needs to be adjusted. The RSR board is proposing the County Commission boards approve a 60/20/20 split. Mathern moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the 60/20/20 split for the indirect cost for the RSR Zone Board. All aye. Motion carried.

Fair Board – requested there 2023 budgeted funds. Bishop moved to give them $75,000 now and the rest in September, Mathern seconded the motion. Roll call vote was take: Mathern – no, Bishop – no, Schwab – no, Gilbert – no. Motion died. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to give the fair board $75,000 now and the rest of the budgeted money for 2023 in July. All aye. Motion carried.

Dead Colt – Bishop moved to give Dead Colt $27,500 out of the County Park budget to Dead Colt, Mathern seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chair Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission