RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – October 17, 2023

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

Agenda- was reviewed. Bea and Heather were added to the agenda. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the agenda with changes. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes- from the previous scheduled meeting on October 3, 2023 were reviewed. Schwab moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the minutes with corrections. All Aye. Motion carried.

Bills- in the amount of $65,000 were reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the bills in the amount of $65,000. All aye. Motion carried.

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| RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION  | 65,000.00 |
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| Total | 65,000.00 |

Commissioners Audit Listing- were reviewed in the amount of $120,154.90. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve commissioners audit listing in the amount of $120,154.90. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS  | 540.00 |
| ADVANCED ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL  | 53.75 |
| ALLEGHANY TOWNSHIP  | 7,589.65 |
| AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS  | 43.24 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 98.44 |
| AXON ENTERPRISE INC.  | 4,448.80 |
| BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC.  | 872.60 |
| BEAR CREEK GRAVEL  | 4,566.22 |
| CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL  | 2,939.06 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.  | 56,350.09 |
| CASUAL LIVING  | 98.00 |
| CITY VIEW FUEL LLC  | 439.34 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 3,936.00 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 2,945.00 |
| CUSTOM CREATIONS  | 1,700.00 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS  | 72.00 |
| DELTATRAK  | 108.22 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 1,454.97 |
| ENDERLIN INDEPENDENT  | 82.50 |
| ERICKSON, KATHIE  | 235.80 |
| FAT MAN TRASH  | 420.00 |
| FLOWERS ETC.  | 75.00 |
| FRIDRYCH, SARA  | 75.00 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY  | 51.96 |
| GENTZKOW, NICOLE  | 235.80 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 21.04 |
| HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.  | 133.45 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 1,721.10 |
| JOHNSON VETERINARY CLINIC P.C.  | 1,121.04 |
| KITTITAS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE  | 130.00 |
| KOTACO  | 19.46 |
| LEADBETTER, JEFFREY K.  | 25.00 |
| LESMANN, PEGGY  | 75.00 |
| LESMEISTER GRAVEL  | 2,517.71 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 250.86 |
| MICHAELSON, TIM  | 75.00 |
| ND POST BOARD  | 90.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE-7510  | 11,238.31 |
| PIZZA RANCH  | 63.92 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 522.62 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO  | 82.03 |
| RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER  | 31.98 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 1,694.16 |
| SCHWAB, SHELLY  | 237.11 |
| SHELVER, ROBIN  | 75.00 |
| SLEEP INN & SUITES  | 1,540.80 |
| THOMASON LAW OFFICE, PC  | 882.73 |
| TITAN MACHINERY  | 168.60 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 79.20 |
| TRUENORTH STEEL  | 4,192.72 |
| WELTON, BRENNA  | 611.62 |
| WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER  | 3,060.00 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC.  | 63.00 |
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| Total | 120,154.90 |

Darren Benneweis- appeared before the board to let them know he had spoken to Adam Schultz highway superintendent and Schultz thinks the highway guys can help the sheriff’s department fix up the old county shop. Supplies that will be needed can be taken out of equipment and improvement.

Load pass- Benneweis, Gentzkow, Schultz and Greg Schwab attending a meeting with Load Pass at NDACO. There were multiple other counties there who all stated they were very happy with Load Pass. This would not be required, but would be like an insurance policy for anyone who choose to by a permit and load 10% over. It would cost the county $1500 for startup fees, road maps, and training. Load Pass would keep 1.5% of all permits sold. The board would like to have load pass come back to the county one more time to present to them and the townships.

Minimum Sales Price Hearing- Teresa Haecherl appeared before the board to go over the properties on the Delinquent tax list. Olerud set values as presented by Haecherl on all parcels except 26-7383000. Mathern seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Nola Jorgenson- Jorgenson appeared before the board to discuss her delinquent tax. Olerud moved seconded by Mathern to suggest a five year contract for deed, 25% down payment and monthly payments. Roll call vote was done: Olerud-yes, Mathern-yes, Gilbert-yes, Bishop-no, Schwab-no. Motion carried.

Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud to appraise Jorgenson’s house at $250,000. All aye. Motion carried.

Fallon Kelly- appeared before the board to discuss hiring practices. Kelly stated that he had a department head meeting regarding hiring. Fallon stated that having a commissioner sit in an interview is not always a good idea. Kelly said that if commissioners and department heads want a commission in the interview the commission should only observe. Commissioners may do the interview when an appointed department head is being interviewed.

Adam Schultz- appeared before the board to discuss telehandler bids. Titan and Butler/Cat came in much higher than Bobcat and the attachments wouldn’t fit the new machine without an adapter. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to go with the bobcat bid.

Agriculture Commissioner- A letter was sent from ND State Agriculture Commission regarding Gentzkow and Sheriff Darren Benneweis going to Wild Prairie Pork to check the meter reading. The letter has inaccurate info, Fallon Kelly advised no response was needed. Biosecurity was not violated, and Benneweis had a search warrant, Benneweis was also given permission to enter the building by the manager.

Matt Lyons submitted a boring permit.

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| County Road | Township | Section |
| 135 | Casey | Northwest of 20 on 63rd Street |

Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve pending a map and the $100 boring fee. All aye. Motion carried.

Schwab moved, seconded by Mathern to approve Bek communications with payment. All aye. Motion carried.

Adam Schultz- appeared before the board to discuss there trip to Iowa. Schultz thanked the board stating it was fantastic training. Schultz let the board know that the training was geared towards each operator’s needs. Schultz mentioned how he was thinking possibly sending the second group middle of July, Schultz would like to attend again with that group. Schultz let the board know he interviewed a candidate yesterday, who has accepted the position and will start November 6, 2023.

Scott Smyth- appeared before the board to discuss flexible spending released from the DOT. At this time there are no details what that flexible spending can be used on. The Fox Farm is on track for January bid letting

Randy Gallager- appeared before the board to discuss a possible candidate. Gallager wants to offer employee $21 per hour. Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

Ty Eschenbaum and Amber Wood appeared before the board to present a county site analysis program paid for by ND Farmers Union and Corn Council.

DocuSign – A ND DOT contract was sent VIA DocuSign for Chair Connie Gilbert to sign regarding the Painter Bridge. Bishop moved, seconded by Schwab to allow Gilbert to sign the contract. All aye. Motion carried.

Handbook- was reviewed, two changes were made.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chair Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

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