RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – November 21, 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, Greg Schwab and Connie Gilbert. Absent: Kevin Bishop.

Agenda- Was reviewed. Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the agenda as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes- From the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on November 7, 2023 were reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the minutes. All Aye. Motion carried.

Commission Audit- Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud.

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| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 359.24 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE  | 364.85 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER  | 5,077.96 |
| BERGEMANN,HEATHER  | 16.44 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.  | 41,922.60 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 8,579.97 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 2,945.00 |
| CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE  | 493.24 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS  | 64.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 1,816.14 |
| ELLIOTT TOWNSHIP  | 20,964.32 |
| ENGQUIST,HEIDI  | 95.63 |
| FAT MAN TRASH  | 210.00 |
| FFF ENTERPRISES  | 45,599.60 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY  | 64.35 |
| GILBERT, CONNIE  | 22.28 |
| GLAXOSMITHKLIN  | 767.64 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 802.11 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY  | 97.64 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 1,879.40 |
| JONES, CHELSEY  | 579.35 |
| KAMRANIAN,MICHAELA  | 225.00 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC  | 12,421.81 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN  | 141.18 |
| LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC  | 2,334.27 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK  | 7,432.00 |
| ND ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250  | 1,395.00 |
| ND CO COMMISSIONERS ASSOC.  | 1,725.00 |
| NDAAO  | 50.00 |
| NDSU FOUNDATION-AGING IN THE COMMUNITY  | 2,750.00 |
| NORTHERN SALT INCORPORATED  | 19,297.24 |
| OLERUD, NEIL  | 315.29 |
| ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.  | 9.10 |
| PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT  | 697.00 |
| POSITIVE CONCEPTS  | 165.60 |
| QUAL, ANGELA  | 500.00 |
| RAMADA HOTEL OF BISMARCK  | 425.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 143.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY SADD CHAPTER  | 500.00 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO  | 1,334.56 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC  | 17.50 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  | 3,105.76 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 719.20 |
| THOMASON LAW OFFICE, PC  | 509.00 |
| TITAN MACHINERY  | 449.78 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 79.20 |
| TRUENORTH STEEL  | 11,267.82 |
| WELTON, BRENNA  | 190.00 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE  | 2,853.95 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA  | 156.19 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN  | 457.55 |
| Total | 204,388.76 |

Darren Benneweis- Appeared before the board to discuss FOP dues.

Lance Gulleson- Appeared before the board to present insurance plans for the commissioners. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to go with the Silver Plan for commissioners and reimburse half the premium for commissioners that don’t take the insurance. Gilbert-no, Schwab-yes, Mathern-yes, Olerud, yes. Motion carried.

City of Lisbon- Tim Meyer and Jeff Leadbetter appeared before the board at the request of the commission to discuss some shared roads and how they should be taken care of. Discussion was had, no decisions were made. Neil Olerud, Greg Schwab, Adam Schultz and Fallon Kelly, and representatives from the city street crew will meet and continue to work on an agreement pertaining to the shared county/city roads.

Jason Horning- Appeared before the board via telephone to discuss NDACO proposal on the JPA for 911 fees. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to sign the JPA. All Aye. Motion carried.

Shelly Schwab- appeared before the board to discuss the Recorders convention in June 2024. Schwab stated that the convention is in Dickinson and the hotel the convention is at will not honor state rate so it is $10 more per night. Schwab asked the board if they would be willing to pay the extra $10 per night for her stay in Dickinson, ND. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve Shelly Schwab to stay at the hotel her convention is at which is $10 more per night. All aye. Motion carried.

Scott Smyth- appeared before the board to discuss flexible spending transportation. Smyth also let the board know the Fox Farm Permit from DWR has finally been signed. The Fox Farm is on track for January bid letting. The county will have to do an RFP for an engineering firm for Fox Farm Bridge.

Construction Maintenance - Gilbert received a maintenance certification the county had to sign in order to keep receiving federal aid. Mathern moved, seconded by Schwab for Gilbert to sign the maintenance certificate stating the county has been using funds in the correct way. All aye. Motion carried.

Darren Benneweis- Appeared before the board to get approval for Beerman to go to ALICE training in Lincoln, Nebraska. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to send Beerman to training. All Aye. Motion carried.

Coroner- Benneweis let the board know he spoke to Charlie Armstrong and he is going to be doing a little traveling. He would like to have permission to have Chris Carlson fill in for him when he is unavailable. Schwab moved, seconded by Olerud to appoint Chris Carlson deputy coroner to help Armstrong when he is unavailable. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Olerud for Ransom County to affirm to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System that Ransom County is formed pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 54-52-02.2 and is neither a non—profit corporation nor a for-profit corporation, to join the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan and offer the plan to all eligible employees of the Ransom County Sheriff’s Department. The motion was seconded by Mathern. The Board approved joining the NDPERS Public Safety Defined Benefit Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2024.

Health Insurance - Olerud moved to make an amendment to the health insurance motion regarding the stipend, seconded by Mathern. All aye. The new motion will be commissioners who do not take the insurance through Ransom County will get $500 per month as a stipend. All aye. Motion carried.

Load Pass- was discussed. Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud to go with load pass. All Aye. Motion carried.

Liq’ R’ Pigz- Submitted a local gaming permit, along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the permit. All aye. Motion carried.

RSR- Lynn Flieth- let Gilbert and Gentzkow know there was a vacancy on the RSR board. Flieth asked it be posted in the paper to help find someone to fill the position.

Assessing – Gentzkow and Haecherl discussed assessing fees. Abstracts were handed out to the board. Haecherl stated she sends contracts out to townships for assessing at the end of the year so the board has a little time to think about assessing fees.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

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