RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – December 5, 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.

Reorganization of the board – Chair Connie Gilbert handed the meeting over to Auditor Nicole Gentzkow. Gentzkow called for nominations for Chairman. Mathern nominated Schwab as Chairman, Gilbert nominated Bishop as Chairman. Gentzkow asked three times if there were any more nominations for Chairman. Gentzkow did a roll call vote all in Favor of Greg Schwab for Chair – Mathern – yes, Olerud – no, Bishop – no, Schwab – yes, Gilbert no. Motion failed Gentzkow asked for all in favor of Bishop as Chairman – Mathern – no, Olerud – yes, Bishop – Yes, Schwab – no, Gilbert – yes. Motion passed. Bishop then called for nominations for Vice Chair, Mathern moved to nominate Schwab as Vice Chair. Olerud moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Schwab as Vice Chair. Gilbert seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Agenda - was reviewed. Olerud moved, Gilbert seconded to approve agenda with changes. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on November 21, 2023 were reviewed. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern to approve minutes with corrections. All Aye. Motion carried.

Commission Audit - was reviewed in the amount of $74,888.82. Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud to approve commissioners audit listing for the amount of $74,888.82. All aye. Motion carried.

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| A W DIESEL SERVICE | 3,821.75 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES | 240.00 |
| BLEECKER, KASEY | 337.30 |
| CODE 4 SERVICES,INC. | 492.11 |
| COPPERHEAD HORSE RESCUE | 2,797.32 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY | 358.90 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE | 4,966.67 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY | 360.00 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN | 50.00 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY | 75.00 |
| KELLY, FALLON M. | 937.49 |
| KOTACO | 14,574.77 |
| LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY | 869.51 |
| LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER | 294.46 |
| MLGC | 569.88 |
| NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON | 155.92 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK | 2,540.00 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION | 25,195.14 |
| OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY | 1,090.00 |
| PRANTE, JAMES | 750.00 |
| PRANTE, NANCY | 750.00 |
| PRANTE, RICHARD | 750.00 |
| PRANTE,TATE | 750.00 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS | 1,700.00 |
| ROBERTS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE | 1,720.00 |
| TITAN MACHINERY | 916.01 |
| TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC. | 4,049.66 |
| VANGUARD APPRAISALS | 1,320.00 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 1,964.00 |
| X-STREAM CLEAN CAR WASH | 110.00 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN | 382.93 |
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| Total | 74,888.82 |

Manual Warrants- in the amount of $20,779.07 were reviewed by the board. Mathern moved, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

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| MARCO | 41.08 |
| MARCO | -41.08 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 172.68 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 39.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 40.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 59.95 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 59.95 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 5.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 55.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 115.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 320.11 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 72.19 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 42.77 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 67.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 54.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 56.97 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 73.31 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 60.39 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 66.15 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 24.19 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 72.11 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 80.76 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 50.79 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 86.55 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 80.71 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 79.41 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 83.86 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 2,495.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 615.34 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 169.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 279.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 41.32 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 240.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 25.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 29.60 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 82.22 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 51.23 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 71.23 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8.56 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 31.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 7.95 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.24 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.68 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 6.59 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 27.60 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 250.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 88.20 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 9.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 29.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 7.19 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 7.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 24.79 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 19.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 3.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 6.88 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.10 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 84.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 84.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 84.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -17.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -0.84 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -2.90 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -45.90 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 29.95 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 109.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 55.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 1.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 45.90 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 16.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8.86 |
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| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 33.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8.86 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 18.85 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8.86 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 192.60 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
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| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
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| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 3.04 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 16.99 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS | 175.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 16.99 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 258.09 |
| MARCO | 198.35 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 16.99 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 16.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 3.66 |
| MARCO | 156.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 87.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 87.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 41.00 |
| MARCO | 158.35 |
| MARCO | 289.60 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 3.33 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 207.60 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 710.20 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 45.75 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 5.00 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 48.28 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 296.17 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 600.62 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 197.30 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 88.88 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 42.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 42.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 42.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 48.58 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 34.42 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 64.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 66.92 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 61.21 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 68.53 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 488.16 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 12.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 488.16 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -12.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 83.05 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 70.72 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 75.07 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 88.60 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 659.76 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -161.70 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -161.70 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 7.51 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 22.54 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 49.92 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 73.11 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 98.30 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 428.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 128.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 97.47 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 81.90 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 109.70 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 13.01 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 162.45 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 3,193.20 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 135.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -63.86 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 176.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 176.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 176.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 631.57 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 178.37 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 36.51 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 35.44 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 59.09 |
| SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 54.03 |
| **Total** | **20,779.07** |

Nancy Loftsgard- appeared before the board to discuss the Ransom County Historical Society capital campaign to raise money to help restore the historical society. The museum foundation is no longer good, the old house has been removed, the school house needs a new roof, there is no bathroom at the museum. Loftsgard asked the commission if there were items, they had specific wishes on how the museum handled, or if the commission would be interested in purchasing a room for all the items they had given. Loftsgard let the board know they have gotten many donations and are still looking to bring in more to complete the list of projects.

Scott Smyth- appeared before the board to discuss the Anslem Bridge project. The Corp of Engineers wants KLJ to get a “right of construction access permit” signed for the southwest side of river land owner’s right of way before any work can be started. Smyth also let the board know KLJ did mill over lay analysis for the Englevale and Sheldon roads and the subgrade is in very tough shape. Sheldon and Englevale road are not wide enough for 4 inch over lay. Looking into options of fixing the roads.

Darren Benneweis- Appeared before the board to introduce the new temporary full-time officer, Danny Gross. Benneweis also discussed vehicle quotes, he got two from Nelson and one from Stoudt. Benneweis recommends going with the one from Stoudt Ross, that is currently available. Mathern moved, seconded by Gilbert to go ahead with the pickup that is ready at Stoudt Ross. Discussion was had, all opposed, motion failed. Board decided to have Benneweis check at a few other dealers and come back to the board with numbers.

Fallon Kelly- Appeared before the board to discuss James Shockman Lamoure County’s State’s Attorney being appointed for one of the Southeast Judicial Judgeships starting January 1, 2024. Kelly stated that Shockman had recommended Kelly to take over his position in Lamoure as part time State’s Attorney, Kelly would like the boards blessing to have the opportunity to serve Lamoure County along with Ransom County. Discussion was had. Kelly stated he plans to scale back on his private practice when he takes over Lamoure County. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the resolution and give Kelly an opportunity to serve both counties. All Aye. Motion carried.

Finley Engineering/BEK- turned in a utility permit for boring under the road in 14 different areas along with the appropriate fee. Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the utility permit. All Aye. Motion carried.

NDSU Extension – is only allowed two mills, it was brought to Gentzkow’s attention that the general fund is not to be funding an overage for extension. Discussion was had. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern to put a measure on the ballot asking Ransom County Tax payers to approve to an additional two mills for NDSU Extension. All Aye. Motion carried.

City of Elliott – was discussed. Greg Schwab was contacted asking how to either unorganize as a city or how to get some form of government back in the city of Elliott.

Silver Prairie – turned in a beer and liquor permit, along with the appropriate fees. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern to approve Silver Prairie’s beer and liquor license. Schwab object, Olerud abstained. Motion carried.

Stiklestad- turned in a beer and liquor permit, along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern, to approve the beer and liquor license. All Aye. Motion carried.

Sand Dune- turned in a beer license and the appropriate fee. Mathern moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve the beer license. All Aye. Motion carried.

Lisbon Gymnastic – turned in a gaming permit and the appropriate fee for a raffle in the month of February 2024. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern. All Aye. Motion carried.

Count house addition - plans were reviewed and discussed. Mathern moved, seconded by Schwab to put it on the ballot to see if the public would approve a bond. All Aye. Motion carried.

K9- the Enderlin’s Lion’s Club hosted a pancake feed for the Sheriff’s department in hopes of getting another K9 dog in Ransom County.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission