RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – January 2, 2024

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

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

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on December 19, 2023 were reviewed. Gilbert moved to approve the minutes from December 19, 2023 with corrections. Olerud seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried. Special meeting minutes from December 28, 2023 were reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual warrants – were reviewed in the amount $66,788.58. Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the manual warrants in the amount of $66,788.58. All aye. Motion carried.

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| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 267.81 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 52.76 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 93.05 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 265.19 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 30.78 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 488.87 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 97.28 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 79.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 83.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 56.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 73.35 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 79.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 75.60 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -44.35 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 44.35 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 10.80 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 18.03 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.60 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 50.36 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 13.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 5.69 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 12.49 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.97 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 167.48 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 25.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 54.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 60.58 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 57.96 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 63.38 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 36.33 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 55.66 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 9.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 117.89 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 101.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 79.21 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 68.17 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 70.49 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 53.26 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 77.67 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 24.18 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 25.96 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 20.64 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 38.94 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 157.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 9.48 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 134.96 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 19.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 25.47 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.29 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 19.19 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.34 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8.70 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 6.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 1,417.63 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 21.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 211.66 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 333.68 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 13.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.80 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 64.56 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 35.77 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 49.82 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 57.74 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 83.22 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 47.43 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 69.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 57.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 11.72 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -11.72 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 1,396.76 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 178.48 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 39.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 37.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 125.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 94.75 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 94.75 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 349.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 75.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 200.00 |
| MARCO | 289.60 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 1.54 |
| MARCO | 156.98 |
| MARCO | 211.16 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 24.42 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 204.08 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 41.27 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 56.44 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 34.99 |
| SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 62.94 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 631.57 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 147.38 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 48.15 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 48.15 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -48.15 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 660.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 72.52 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 128.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 5.49 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 3.69 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 10.56 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.23 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 45.72 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.16 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 35.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 20.53 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 26.29 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 46.38 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 18.33 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.55 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 99.06 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 68.76 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 35.79 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 22.48 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 28.02 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -15.23 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | -31.74 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 21.96 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 31.74 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 46.38 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 28.14 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 35.29 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 142.98 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 68.76 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 94.80 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 25.99 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 70.50 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 162.45 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 15.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 41.40 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 25.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 14.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 58.69 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 4,706.44 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 188.93 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 105.93 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 96.30 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 26.60 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 55.74 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 9.31 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 48.29 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 301.44 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 1,007.12 |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL | 47,314.34 |
| **Fund Totals:** | 66,788.58 |

Commission Audit Listing – in the amount of $52,858.34 was reviewed. Olerud moved to approve the commission audit listing in the amount of $52,858.34, seconded by Gilbert. All aye. Motion carried.

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| A W DIESEL SERVICE | 159.42 |
| ANDERSON, STEVE | 40.00 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES | 290.08 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE | 57.64 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 1,190.00 |
| BEERMAN, ANDREW | 117.50 |
| BENNEWEIS, DARREN | 190.00 |
| BLOW'S SEW-N-VAC, INC. | 24.95 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS | 17.99 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY | 545.71 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER | 1,603.46 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN | 50.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 16.44 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY | 93.03 |
| HENRICKS HEATING | 708.74 |
| HOPKINS, ROBERTA PO BOX 950 | 290.00 |
| JONES, CHELSEY | 81.27 |
| KOTACO | 5,945.28 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN | 137.26 |
| LISBON RECREATION BOARD | 3,000.00 |
| LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC | 120.76 |
| MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME | 71.97 |
| MATHERN, JOE | 14.42 |
| MICHAELSON, TIM | 22.27 |
| MIDSTATES WIRELESS | 365.04 |
| MILLER, DORIS | 82.30 |
| MLGC | 569.88 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK | 21,528.28 |
| OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY | 1,922.28 |
| QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC. | 2,000.00 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC | 868.86 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE | 140.00 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO | 518.68 |
| REINKE, JOSEPH | 1,077.40 |
| ROBERTS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE | 6,450.00 |
| SCHWAB, GREG | 102.18 |
| SHELVER, ROBIN | 19.65 |
| SIG SAUER, INC. | 947.75 |
| SUNDALE STEEL SHOP | 408.00 |
| TEAM LAB INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS | 497.50 |
| WELTON, BRENNA | 496.99 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA | 75.36 |
| Total | 52,858.34 |

Ransom County Housing Authority – Derek Johnson appeared before the board and presented housing authority minutes from October 3, 2023. Olerud moved, seconded by Biship to approve the Ransom County Housing Authority minutes. Johnson also presented financials from October, November, and December 2023. Bishop moved to approve the finances as presented, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried. Johnson let the board know that he is recommending waiting on consolidating the Ransom County Housing Authority with LaMoure and Macintosh at this time. The Housing Authority is waiting on the review of a legal opinion from the Attorney General’s office on if the housing authorities combine if they will ever be able to split and go on their own if they choose too at a later date. Johnson stated that they have found the consolidation isn’t as smooth of a transition as they believed it would be and due to the location of all three counties Johnson doesn’t feel there is any need for Ransom County to merge with the other housing authorities at this time.

Emergency Manager – Kirsten Gilbert appeared before the board to let them know the status trying to declare an emergency declaration for the ice storm at the end of December 2023. Kirsten Gilbert is not sure if Ransom County will have enough damage to qualify, but she is working with Adam Schultz. Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to sign an emergency declaration presented by Kirsten Gilbert. All aye. Motion carried.

Farmers Union – Lance Gulleson appeared before the board to let them know Blue Cross came back and would not write the plan for the commissioners after quoting them. Gulleson recommends not having a commission insurance policy and give a stipend to the commissioners and they can go purchase insurance on their own.

NDSU Extension – Brian Zimprich, Lesley Lebenow, and Samantha Weidner, appeared before the board to go over a proposed ballot language for the NDSU Extension measure for the 2024 primary ballot. Discussion was had with the board and Fallon Kelly.

Fallon Kelly will also work on proposed language for the building addition bond to go on the ballot for 2024.

The board reviewed a Joint Powers agreement for State’s Attorney Fallon Kelly to serve Ransom County and Lamoure County. Ransom County will pay Fallon Kelly and Lamoure County will reimburse Ransom County for his agreed upon wage in Lamoure County and fifty percent of all benefits. Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to sign the joint powers agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

Gentzkow let the board know they need to get a RFP in the paper and on the DOT website so they will need to pick who is going to be on the RFP committee. The board picked to have Schultz, Gentzkow, Gilbert, Olerud, on the committee who will then report back to the board to make decisions on who to hire for Engineering firms for the Fox Farm Bridge.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission