RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – January 16, 2024

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

Agenda – was reviewed. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes - from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on January 2, 2024 were reviewed. Olerud moved to approve minutes with corrections, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills – In the amount of $126,716.56 were considered Mathern moved to approve the bills in the amount of $126,716.56, seconded by Schwab. All aye. Motion approved.

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| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES | 98.44 |
| AXON ENTERPRISE INC. | 5,967.70 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 99.00 |
| BENNEWEIS, DARREN | 40.00 |
| BENNEWEIS, SHALON | 31.00 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC. | 13,791.24 |
| CASUAL LIVING | 98.00 |
| CODE 4 SERVICES,INC. | 11,790.75 |
| CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC | 171.14 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS | 56.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 1,398.96 |
| FFF ENTERPRISES | 3,469.32 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY | 9.06 |
| GREGOR, ANISSA | 750.00 |
| GREGOR,TY | 745.92 |
| GRIGGS POOR SIDE REPAIR | 923.54 |
| GRIGGS,JEROME | 745.92 |
| GRIGGS,JOAYNE | 745.92 |
| GRIGGS,WESLEY | 738.00 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 1,915.00 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY | 75.00 |
| KELLY, FALLON M. | 748.74 |
| LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY | 51.55 |
| LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER | 294.46 |
| LISBON BODY SHOP | 140.00 |
| LISBON POSTMASTER | 70.00 |
| MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME | 73.94 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK | 3,775.00 |
| ND COUNTY TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION | 200.00 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION | 240.00 |
| NDEMA | 50.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE-7510 | 8,873.49 |
| PEREZ, JILL | 350.00 |
| PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT | 1,000.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE | 666.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE | 11,218.43 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO | 9,057.90 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-LISBON | 334.91 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC | 17.50 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT | 1,763.42 |
| ROBERTS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE | 4,300.00 |
| SANFORD HEALTH OCCMED | 144.00 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT | 695.21 |
| SE ND COUNTY COMMISSIONER ASSOCIATION | 400.00 |
| STOUDT MILLER, INC. | 36,001.00 |
| TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS | 157.95 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS | 243.32 |
| UNIFORM CENTER | 1,633.95 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 66.25 |
| WEX BANK | 372.63 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC. | 117.00 |
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| Total | 126,716.56 |

KLJ- Scott Smith appeared before the board to let them know he submitted a haul road project for the lagoon road and 130th Ave through Wills Road. Smyth also submitted three plan options for the Englevale and Sheldon Road. Option one: four-and-a-half-inch think asphalt on the Englevale road and three- and three-quarter inch thick on the Sheldon Road this plan would cost around 2.9 million dollars and would last around twenty years. Option two: add fiber to help structural integrity, three and a quarter inch of asphalt on the Englevale road, and two and two- and three-quarter asphalt on the Sheldon Road for 2.5 million dollars. Option three: two and a half inches on both roads for roughly 1.9 to 2 million dollars. No decisions were made.

RFPs for engineers have been published in the paper and the NDDOT, proposals are due February 2, 2024 by noon. Bids for the Fox Farm will be on January 26 through the NDDOT, Smyth will report the results at the next commission meeting.

Highway Superintendent – Adam Schultz appeared before the board to discuss Viking/Sorby Hill. Schultz stated Kyle Sorby is under the impression the road crew will grade Viking/Sory Hill at Kyle Sorby’s discretion. Per the minutes from 12/4/2018 there was a motion made by Olerud, to deem Sorby Hill an emergency snow route and bill the township. Schultz let the board know there are lots of red flags with that motion and he feels the township board, the Fort Ransom Fire Department, and the Commission need to talk. Schultz will contact Sorby and the township to rediscuss at the next commission meeting. Schultz also let the board know one of his employees is dealing with a medical issue and is out on leave, he looked into the amount of time off they have built up and are good for the next seven weeks. He will get paperwork going if needed. Schultz also let the board know the telehandler is going to be delivered in the next couple of days.

Charles and Ann Bowman – appeared before the board with attorney Brittany Hatting fighting taxes paid for tax year 2022 and requesting a refund on tax year 2022. Bowman’s private appraisal come in at $530,000, the county is assessing them at $521,000 less than they purchased they home for. Mathern voted to not grant an abatement based off all the facts tax director Teresa Haecherl presented to prove the house is fairly assessed, seconded by Schwab. Roll call vote was take: Mathern: yes, Olerud: - no, Gilbert – no, Schwab – yes, Bishop – yes. Motion carried.

Good Shepherd WELCA – submitted a local gaming permit along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

RSR – there is a vacancy on the RSR board, Gilbert asked it be posted in the paper and on the website until filled.

Treasurer- Kathie Erickson appeared before the board to ask for Betsy Greenly to work 32 hours during the busy season January – March and have her benefits prorated those months. The board had no issues with it. Erickson let the board know motor vehicle also had an audit by the state and needs to have signage out front. Erickson is checking into pricing.

Gentzkow let the board know Moore Engineering sent a letter from NDDOT to purchase right of way for sidewalk/curbs ada approved. NDDOT will pay the County $300 for each sideway/curb along HWY 27 (2) a total of $600. Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve the NDDOT $600 right of way sideway/curb agreement pending Fallon Kelly’s approval. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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