RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – April 16, 2024

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

Agenda – Was reviewed. Gilbert made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – Were reviewed. Mathern made a motion to approve the April 2, 2024 minutes with corrections. Gilbert seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Special Meeting Minutes – Were reviewed. Schwab made a motion to approve March 27, 2024 special meeting minutes, Mathern seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Olerud Arrived

Commissioners Audit Listing – In the amount of $94,881.60 was reviewed. Mathern moved to approve the bills, seconded by Gilbert. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES | 349.02 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE | 58.96 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC. | 3,107.13 |
| CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM | 248.00 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS | 1,900.00 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY | 3,031.00 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY | 337.72 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER | 1,074.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 1,905.72 |
| DMC WEAR PARTS, LLC | 17,761.00 |
| ENDERLIN INDEPENDENT | 144.00 |
| ENDERLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2,500.00 |
| FRIDRYCH, SARA | 93.76 |
| GILBERT, CONNIE | 34.17 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 496.37 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY | 138.02 |
| HENRICKS HEATING | 736.40 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 1861.60 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY | 75.00 |
| JONES, CHELSEY | 183.80 |
| KELLER, MALLORY | 2,000.00 |
| KELLY, FALLON M. | 1,345.26 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 12,123.32 |
| KOTACO | 4,320.01 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN | 102.86 |
| LESMANN, PEGGY | 75.00 |
| LESMEISTER GRAVEL | 4,831.90 |
| LISBON PUBLIC SCHOOLS | 2,500.00 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE | 252.57 |
| LIZ ANDERSON | 100.00 |
| MATHERN, JOE | 14.74 |
| MICHAELSON, TIM | 97.78 |
| MLGC | 569.88 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK | 100.00 |
| ND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION | 229.55 |
| NDSU AG COMMUNICATION | 13.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION PESTICIDE PROGRAM | 3,420.00 |
| NEWMAN SIGNS | 387.88 |
| NORTHLAND TOWNSHIP | 10,085.72 |
| ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC | 564.81 |
| OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL | 240.00 |
| POPP BINDING & LAMINATING | 48.47 |
| QUILL CORPORATION | 91.96 |
| RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION | 450.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE | 1,347.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE | 22.00 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO | 284.31 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT | 3,877.38 |
| RUNCK, NICKELA | 24.66 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT | 1,560.16 |
| SCHWAB, GREG | 297.48 |
| SCHWELD DBA SUBWAY | 2,108.70 |
| SHEETS-OLSON, BARBARA | 75.00 |
| SHELVER, ROBIN | 95.10 |
| STURDEVANT'S INC | 234.24 |
| STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 500.00 |
| TEAL'S MARKET | 27.96 |
| TEAM LAB INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS | 800.00 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS | 121.86 |
| UNIFORM CENTER | 1,266.08 |
| WEIDNER,SAMANTHA | 62.54 |
| WELTON, BRENNA | 506.24 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 319.75 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC. | 58.50 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA | 714.37 |
| WM CORPORATE SERVICES, INC | 115.95 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN | 461.94 |
| Total | 94,881.60 |

County Deed – The City of Sheldon purchased a delinquent property for the price of the specials and taxes owing. A deed was provided regarding the Sheldon property. Gilbert made a motion to approve, Mathern seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Handbook – was reviewed.

**10:30 Fuel Bid Openings** – Four bids were received. Agtergra and CHS bids were not accepted as they did not meet the bid specs. Main Street Farm & Home and Kotaco both had all the required paperwork per the bid specs. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to accept Kotaco and Main Street Farm and Home’s bids. All Aye. Motion carried.

Highway Department – Schwab moved, seconded by Mathern to dismiss an employee, and have Schultz contact Fallon Kelly to have a letter sent to the employee letting them know. All aye. Olerud abstained. Motion carried.

Scott Smyth – Appeared before the board to let them know that the county was approved for a little over 1 million dollars from the flex funding grant through the NDDOT. 130th Ave and the Wills Road will get reconstructed and six inches of gravel along with a bike path along Prairie View Drive running to Josh and Danelle Differding’s driveway. Railroad crossing arms will also be installed on the Wills Road, so this can be considered an “official” truck route per NDDOT. The Englevale Road will also get fibers added into the asphalt to help the longevity and integrity of the road.

Anslem Bridge– ETA on the bridge closing will be middle of May. The Bridge is expected to be closed until early fall, approximately five months).

Hwy 58 – was discussed and there are two severe muskrat tunnels. A few spots will need to be fixed with rip rap. The county will see if they can work out a deal with paving contractor and possibly replace a culvert.

DOT Physicals - Gentzkow was approached by one of the highway employees and asked if the county would cover the cost of the yearly physical to get medical cards for CDL’s. The county appreciates the highway employees to have and maintain their CDL license, and agreed to cover the cost of the yearly physical for employees in the county highway department who have a CDL.

ATM – the board decided there is no need for an ATM in the courthouse.

Cass County Utility Permit – A utility permit was submitted from Cass County regarding Hanson and Isley township along with the appropriate fee. Gilbert made a motion to approve the utility permit. Mathern Seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

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| County Highway Number: | 72nd St. SE |
| Township: | Hanson & Isley |
| Sections: | Hanson section 35, 134N, 58W to Isley section 2, 133N, 58W |

2024 Primary Election Inspectors – Mathern made a motion to approve the primary election inspectors. Seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

Polling Hours – Gentzkow asked the board to approve election day polling hours on June 11, 2024 to be set from 9 A.M. – 7 P.M. for the Ransom County Expo and the Enderlin Auditor’s Office. Both locations will be a vote center, meaning residents of Ransom County can vote at either location. The Auditors office will also be open June 1 and June 8 to allow people to stop in to cast absentee votes from 8 A.M. – 1 P.M. Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve the polling hours for the Primary Election on June 11, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

Opioid Litigation– Was discussed. When the county signed up to be a part of the National Opioid litigation the money was to recover any cost occurred by the county due to the effects of Opioids. The money was to be deposited into the County General fund, in the 2023 legislature session the state of North Dakota made some changes to the National Opioid litigation revenue for counties stating that extensive reporting needed to be completed by the counties if the money was put in the county general, or they could hand the money over to public health to help fight future Opioid issues. Mathern made a motion to transfer the opioid litigation funds to Public Health, Gilbert seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried. Gentzkow will be in touch with Brenna Welton on the dollar amount the county has received and see what account Welton would like the money transferred into.

Vanguard – Teresa Haecherl presented a contract with Vanguard to assess the PGA elevator in Sheldon. The contract price for assessing will be $205 per hour with a cap of $27,000. The board discussed if they are having Vanguard come in to assess one elevator, they should have all elevators in the county assessed. Haecherl will ask Vanguard for an updated quote.

Gazette – Mathern would like to see Lynn Kaspari write an article on all the federal funding the county has received over the past few years.

ARPA Funds – discussion was had on how to allocate the remainder of the funds.

Courthouse Addition Public Meetings – Bishop let Gentzkow know the board was disappointed there was no representation from the auditor’s office at the last two courthouse addition meetings in McLeod and Lisbon.

Olerud said he had a complaint at the courthouse addition meeting that the sheriff’s department is not open when court starts.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

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