RANSOM COUNTY BAORD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – May 21, 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, Neil Olerud, Greg Schwab, and Kevin Bishop. Also attending were Nicole Gentzkow, Auditor; and Lynn Kaspari, Ransom County Gazette.

Agenda – was reviewed. Shelly Schwab was added at 10:00 a.m. subject department head meeting, Joe Mathern asked to be added at 11:30 a.m. Gentzkow asked to discuss what projects were submitted on the ARPA funds reporting. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern to approve the agenda with additions. All aye. Motin carried.

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled meeting on May 7, 2024 were reviewed. Gilbert moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Mathern seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

Commission Audit Listing – bills in the amount of $550,423.87 were reviewed by the board. Schwab moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve the bills in the amount of $550,423.87. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES  | 105.04 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE  | 314.90 |
| BERGEMANN,HEATHER  | 260.56 |
| BRI-TON  | 312.32 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.  | 13,388.40 |
| CITY SIDE COLLISION  | 301.50 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 3,997.95 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY  | 3,031.00 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER  | 338.85 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 16,555.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 226.43 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY  | 182.91 |
| HOPKINS, ROBERTA PO BOX 950  | 24.87 |
| INDIGO SIGNWORKS, INC.  | 24,999.99 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 1,697.20 |
| JONES, CHELSEY  | 103.18 |
| KELLY, FALLON M.  | 1,636.44 |
| KOTACO  | 3,085.30 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN  | 176.22 |
| LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER  | 299.13 |
| LISBON POSTMASTER  | 266.00 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE  | 1,465.90 |
| MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME  | 14.99 |
| MOUNTAIN PLAINS YOUTH SERVICE  | 1,500.00 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK  | 2,584.61 |
| OLERUD, NEIL  | 149.54 |
| PETE NIELSEN DISCO K-9 LLC  | 7,000.00 |
| QUAL, ANGELA  | 500.00 |
| RADISSON HOTEL-BISMARCK  | 199.60 |
| RANSOM CO WATER RESOURCE DIST  | 35,000.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE  | 987.16 |
| RANSOM COUNTY SADD CHAPTER  | 500.00 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO  | 451,391.62 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC  | 17.50 |
| RELENTLESS LLC DBA DESERT SNOW  | 699.00 |
| SARGENT COUNTY  | 104.00 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT  | 707.31 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS  | 131.63 |
| VALLEY PLAINS EQUIPMENT  | 99.73 |
| WEIDNER,SAMANTHA  | 55.99 |
| WELTON, BRENNA  | 358.50 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE  | 64.50 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC.  | 58.50 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA  | 530.59 |
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| Total | 575,423.86 |

Fallon Kelly, State’s Attorney arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Kevin and Kathy Bleecker –appeared before the board to discuss purchasing the land behind them that the county owns so they have access to their backyard. Jerry Gemar stopped over and located pins for Bleeckers and there is about forty feet between them and Thompsons backyard and the electric pole. Bleeckers are interested in purchasing forty feet by ninty six feet going north and south directly behind their lot. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to sell Bleeckers the land they would like to purchase from Ransom County for $2499. Discussion was had. All opposed the motion. Motion failed. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to sell the land from the county to Bleeckers for $999 with the understanding Bleeckers will be taxed at the true and full value. Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to amend the previous motion to include a survery and then the county will provide a deed. All aye. Motion carried to amend the original motion. Chairman Bishop called for a vote to approve the original motion with the amendment. All Aye Motion carried.

County Agent – State’s Attorney Fallon Kelly explained to the board the importance of putting the vote for an extra 2 mills on the ballot. Kelly explained the statute doesn’t allow for county to just pay for extension out of county general, the statute states limitations for county agent. The only way money can be transferred out of general to cover the shortfall of county agent is if there is an unexpected expense that arises. It can not be due to a shortfall in the budgeted expenses.

Motor Vehicle – Kathie Erickson, Treasurer had sent information to the commission regarding the electric sign she would like the county to purchase that would meet the ND Motor Vehicle requirements for signage. Erickson had two quote options on for $49,999 and one for $69,999 Schwab moved, seconded by Mathern to allow Erickson to get the smaller sign. All aye. Motion carried.

Shelly Schwab – appeared before the board on behalf of the department heads asking the portfolio holders to come visit their respectful offices on a monthly basis.

Highway Department – Adam Schultz, highway superintendent appeared before the board to ask permission for five of the road crew guys and himself to travel to Davenport, IA for hands on grader training at the John Deere training facility. They would be gone Septemeber 22-28, 2024. Adam would like to go to supervise, but will not be attending the training. Schwab moved, seconded by Mathern to allow five highway guys to go to the training in Davenport, IA at $3000 per person plus food and hotel. All aye. Motion carried.

ND Highway Patrol – Darren Benneweis, Sherriff appeard before the board to request Ransom County send a letter to North Dakota Highway Patrol asking them to do truck patrol in the county. Benneweis let the board know he wants weights enforced accrosed the board. Gilbert moved, seconded by Schwab to approve sending a letter to the North Dakota Highway Patrol for weight enforcement. All aye. Motion carried.

Scott Smyth, county engineer with KLJ appeared before the board to let them know the Anslem Bridge closure date has been moved to June 3, 2024. Smyth also let the board know KLJ is working with the ND Veterans Home to improve their parking lots. The bid opening for the paving projects at the ND Vets home is May 21, 2024 so Smyth will let the board know what the prices were for an idea on what it will cost the county if they purchase the lot to the west of the west parking lot. Greg Schwab asked Smyth if they do gravel testing, Smyth said KLJ can come do gravel quality testing. It is recommened that the gravel be tested on the road not from the pile. Three samples per lot are done, only one sample is tested, if that sample doesn’t meet the specs then the other two samples will be run.

Joe Mathern – The board has approved changes and security updates to better the courthouse grounds and would like to see Randy Gallagher get on board. Mathern would like to see air quality in the courthouse looked into with a HVAC system, and upgrades done to the electrical.

Dakota Dynamics – a contract was reviewed for Tanya Weiler the new HR consultant for Ransom County. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern to have Bishop sign the contract. All aye. Motion carried.

Gentzkow let the board know Cody Anderson, Tim Jordan, and Riverside are working together to enclose the offices to help secure the courthoues. New counters are needed in some offices to secure the door. Mathern would like to see the offices ADA compatable.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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