RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – October 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Bishop at 9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Joe Mathern, Neil Olerud, Connie Gilbert, Greg Schwab, and Kevin Bishop. Also present: Auditor Nicole Gentzkow and Lynn Kaspari from the Gazette.

Tax Statement – was discussed.

Agenda – was reviewed. Schwab made a motion to approve the agenda with additions to add Joey Reinke and the health department. Mathern seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on September 17, 2024 were reviewed. Schwab moved, seconded by Mathern with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual Warrants – in the amount of $30,803.58 were reviewed. Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the $30,803.58. All aye. Motion carried.

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| MARCO | 303.86 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 1,002.01 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 66.50 |
| MARCO | 211.16 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 162.22 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 232.46 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 267.81 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 26,648.77 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 15.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 63.60 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 41.39 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 39.50 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 167.71 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 55.73 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 46.80 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 43.49 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 42.02 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 39.83 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 38.20 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 42.42 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 45.13 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 23.53 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 25.20 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 46.40 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 45.52 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 39.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 33.11 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 29.17 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 147.83 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 40.79 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 5.00 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 48.18 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 227.48 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 57.26 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 55.23 |
| SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 53.30 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 264.47 |
|  | **30,628.60** |

Commissioner Audit Listing – in the amount of $61,842.03 were reviewed. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

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| GILBERT, CONNIE  | 31.49 |
| HAECHERL, TERESA  | 54.00 |
| KAMRANIAN,MICHAELA  | 54.00 |
| RUNCK, NICKELA  | 30.00 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN  | 494.80 |
| ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS  | 540.00 |
| CASUAL LIVING  | 170.00 |
| COLE PAPER INC.  | 83.60 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 3,550.00 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY  | 376.90 |
| ELECTRO WATCHMAN INC  | 42,387.50 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE  | 6,250.00 |
| FISCAL ADMINISTRATION-COUNTY JAIL CLAIMS | 90.84 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 101.16 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.  | 220.75 |
| K & S CARPET CLEANERS  | 728.40 |
| LANGLAND,MARIA  | 30.00 |
| LISBON BODY SHOP  | 189.55 |
| ND POST BOARD  | 45.00 |
| NDAAO  | 170.00 |
| NDACO RESOURCES GROUP  | 40.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION PESTICIDE PROGRAM  | 30.00 |
| ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.  | 4.50 |
| QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.  | 2,000.00 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC  | 868.86 |
| RAMADA HOTEL OF BISMARCK  | 385.20 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS  | 595.00 |
| ST FRANCIS HEALTHCARE CAMPUS  | 784.00 |
| VALLEY WATER RESCUE  | 1,118.23 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE  | 68.25 |
| WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER  | 350.00 |
| Total | 61,842.03 |

Derek Johnson with Ransom County Housing Authority – appeared before the board. Johnson presented the Ransom County Housing Authority minutes from July 2, 2024, minutes were reviewed. Schwab moved, seconded by Mathern to approve July 2, 2024 minutes. All aye. Motion carried. Johnson went over the financials from July 2024 – September 2024, Approve financials were reviewed from July to September. Gilbert moved to approve, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried. Payment standards as proposed. Olerud made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried. Proposed Utility Allowance was reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

Johnson also presented the five-year plan that outlines goals and regulations of the eligible activities within running the program. Gilbert approved. Olerud seconded. All aye. Motion carried. Johnson presented the civil rights certification for Chairman Bishop to sign.

The administrative plan is being updated to follow all federal regulations(hotma), the feds aren’t quite ready for it yet, but Ransom County Housing Authority has their administrative plan ready for when it rolls out. Olerud moved to approve the updated administrative plan to be in guideline with the federals, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

Joey Reinke – VSO DAV/VA gave a new ford explorer and is looking for volunteer drivers to get veterans to their appointments. Reinke will drive and went through all the training, and he will train the drivers. Transportation is a huge issue for vets and it will be no cost to the county.

Teresa Haecherl –went over the appraisal valuations, Olerud moved to approve, seconded by Mathern. All Aye. Motion carried.

Tim Splettstaszer – with WSB appeared before the board asking for a permanent easement to fix the river bank on north side of the road. There was no legal objection by Fallon Kelly. The amount of permanent easement needed is .72 an acre.

Scott Smyth – presented two scope of service short forms of agreement between owner and engineer for professional services, KLJ project: 2403-01113, and short form of agreement between owner and engineer for professional services KLJ project 2403-01473.

Scope of Services were reviewed for Ransom County highways 53, 54, and 57 – HMA overlay and incidentals, highway 53 – ND highway 27 south 3.5 miles, highway 54 – ND highway south 11 miles, highway 57 – ND highway 27 south 3 miles.

Smyth also let the board know the Anselm bridge is moving right on track.

Smyth let the board know the Fox Farm Bridge is going well, bridge will open next week after the inspection. Any trees in the right of way are the land owner’s responsibility and expense. The trees needing to be removed for the contract were removed, and any remaining trees that the land owners want removed are at the land owner’s responsibility.

Darren Benneweis – came to the board regarding panic buttons. Benneweis stated the panic buttons could go straight through the sheriff’s department, radio/cell phones, and state radio. To update the buttons, it would cost $25,000 for all building, except for the road crew. Annually it would cost $2000 dollars.

Benneweis also presented a weapon detection system that would follow individuals via camera that had a weapon on them. The detection system would be three lanes, the company is out of California, and would cost around $196,000 for three years, then $63,000 per year after the initial three years.

Delegate – Connie Gilbert nominated Kathie Erickson to be the NACo delegate at the NDACo convention. The motion was seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

Look into teams and GoToMeeting as some employees have asked, we go back online with the meetings. Gentzkow also requested we mount the TV in the commission room to allow more room for guest at the meeting. Board would like a quote for the tv mounting.

Olerud made a motion to not assess the drain specials from Sargent County drain, on drains 7 and 11. Mathern seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Health Department – the board would like to have an individual come do a presentation about stress and young mothers being stressed.

Jay Anderson, sent communication to the board asking if they planned to go with the presented water project. The board still has some questions and nothing has been decided yet.

With nothing further to come before the board they adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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