**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMIMSSIONERS**

Regular Meeting – July 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Greg Schwab. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Joe Mathern, Neil Olerud, Connie Gilbert, and Greg Schwab. Along with Auditor Nicole Gentzkow. Absent: Kevin Bishop.

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

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

Commission Audit Listing – was reviewed in the amount of $193,828.58 Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve the commission audit listing with changes to the account numbers in the highway department. All aye. Motion carried.

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| A W DIESEL SERVICE | 6,620.55 |
| ADVANCED ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL | 132.00 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE | 96.48 |
| BANKNORTH | 120.00 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 3,165.97 |
| BEAR CREEK GRAVEL | 78,952.50 |
| BELL BANK | 233.16 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC. | 2,358.90 |
| CASUAL LIVING | 168.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 335.94 |
| DOLF ENTERPRISES, LLC | 1,200.00 |
| FARMERS UNION INSURANCE | 14,025.00 |
| FRONTIER PRECISION, INC | 679.00 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY | 32.49 |
| GENTZKOW, NICOLE | 301.50 |
| GONZALEZ, JORGE | 1,132.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 110.94 |
| HEFTY SEED COMPANY | 10,154.80 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY | 600.13 |
| HENRICKS HEATING | 240.00 |
| HOENHAUSE, JODY | 16,054.05 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 190.75 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY | 75.00 |
| JONES, CHELSEY | 592.02 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 14,522.37 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN | 525.67 |
| LISBON BODY SHOP | 1,548.00 |
| LISBON POSTMASTER | 100.00 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE | 38.98 |
| LYNN JOHNSON LOCK & KEY SERVICE | 306.00 |
| MARCO | 257.00 |
| MLGC | 569.88 |
| ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | 63.00 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION | 25,912.23 |
| NDAAO | 450.00 |
| NDSU FOUNDATION-AGING IN THE COMMUNITY | 1,500.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 38.69 |
| POOR SIDE REPAIR | 635.02 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC | 868.86 |
| QUAL, ANGELA | 250.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE | 731.36 |
| RANSOM COUNTY SADD CHAPTER | 500.00 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC | 55.00 |
| REINKE, JOSEPH | 779.88 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT | 2,820.81 |
| RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER | 204.98 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT | 1,737.76 |
| TEAL'S MARKET | 9.27 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS | 82.80 |
| UNIFORM CENTER | 294.98 |
| WEIDNER,SAMANTHA | 182.98 |
| WELTON, BRENNA | 591.86 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC. | 54.00 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA | 355.32 |
| X-STREAM CLEAN CAR WASH | 130.00 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN | 140.70 |
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| Total | 193,828.58 |

Randy Gallagher – grounds and maintenance appeared before the board to let them know a panic button training had been done with employees, Kirsten Gilbert – emergency manager, Darren Benneweis – sheriff, and Lisbon PD. Gallagher let the board know the training went well, a few more panic buttons will be being added to offices. Gallagher also let the board know he has found a de-escalation training class he could set up for employees if the board would like. Rates: Nonmembers -$750 (includes 10 attendees), $35/additional attendee, $10/attendee materials. Travel fees apply. The de-escalation training is 2 hours per session.

Sheriff Darren Benneweis arrived at the meeting around 8:15 a.m.

Benneweis is working on getting quotes for various other panic button systems.

Kirsten Gilbert – emergency manager, appeared before the board to discuss the state land homeland security grant she applied for to upgrade the camera system. Kirsten Gilbert had just been made aware Computer Express out of Oakes; ND also does cameras. Kirsten Gilbert presented a quote from Jamie Nelson with Computer Express, and made a recommendation that the board go with Computer Express for cameras as many employees who need assistance with the current camera system call Computer Express for assistance now. Connie Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to go with Computer Express for all the camera upgrades. All aye. Motion carried.

Scott Smyth – with KLJ appeared before the board to let them know the pilings at the fox farm had been complete. One abutment had to go down two hundred feet to hit rock bottom, the others are all at eighty feet. Smyth also let the board know the scope and fee contract will be presented at the next commission meeting for the haul road, bid and design will be in the fall/winter of 2024 and the project will be built in 2025.

Doug Sommerfield and Kevin – Gravel pit owners appeared before the board to discuss hauling. Along with residents who live near the pits, Tyler Qual, Robert Bratlie, David Edland, Jeff Lyons, Doug Rotenberger, Craig, Amos Summerfield. Previously there was a hand shake deal between the gravel pit owners and the county that if the road needed a load of gravel the pit owner would put a few loads down. The gravel pit owner would also pay $2500 towards calcium chloride and the county would pay for the rest. Kevin and Scott agreed safety is their number one priority, they will require drivers to slow down. Olerud would like to see the gravel trucks avoid the Milnor Road due to the poor condition it is already in. Bishop recommends reducing speed as speed and weight are terrible for roads. Tyler Qual stated he doesn’t mind the gravel trucks going south but would like to see signs added for safety stating keep right and trucks entering. Scott would like to add gravel and widen out the hill. More discussion was had, the board decided to have the trucks take the south route, and lower the speed to 45mph for trucks.

City of Sheldon had approached Neil Olerud about getting main street paved, they are willing to pay for it.

Teresa Haecherl – tax director, gave an invoice to auditor Nicole Gentzkow for unpaid assessing fees for the city of Elliott. Mathern moved, seconded by Gilbert to have the county write off the City of Elliott’s fees due to lack of city organization. All aye. Motion carried.

Mathern moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve Ransom County Housing Authority minutes from April 2, 2024 with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

With nothing further to come before the board they adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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