RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – September 3, 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, Neil Olerud, Connie Gilbert, Greg Schwab, and Kevin Bishop. Also present, Nicole Gentzkow, Auditor.

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

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled meeting on September 3, 2024 were reviewed. Olerud approved. Seconded by Gilbert. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual Warrants – was reviewed in the amount of $15,649.44. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

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| MARCO | 211.16 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 303.86 |
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| LISBON, CITY OF | 39.50 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 168.54 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 1,613.48 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 10,872.16 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 153.73 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 631.57 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 10.00 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 275.24 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 66.50 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 40.85 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 70.46 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 286.13 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 40.12 |
| SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 72.50 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 145.08 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 41.17 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 5.00 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 48.33 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 245.37 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 61.70 |
| MARCO | 54.77 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 162.22 |
| **Total** | 15,649.44 |

Commission Audit Listing – was reviewed in the amount of $124,291.46. Olerud moved, Gilbert seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

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| CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL | 1,232.44 |
| CARLSON, WILLIAM & KATHERINE | 500.00 |
| CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT | 255.00 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS | 406.99 |
| CONIFER HEALTH SOLUTIONS | 1,423.00 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY | 282.16 |
| DAHLSTROM FUNERAL HOME | 375.00 |
| DAKOTA OASIS | 275.00 |
| DMC WEAR PARTS, LLC | 11,840.00 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE | 12,500.00 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY | 203.72 |
| GENTZKOW, NICOLE | 283.90 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 545.91 |
| INDIGO SIGNWORKS, INC. | 25,350.00 |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL | 7,060.00 |
| LANGLAND,MARIA | 36.00 |
| LESMEISTER GRAVEL | 47,177.46 |
| MLGC | 569.88 |
| ND ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250 | 2,785.00 |
| QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC. | 2,000.00 |
| REINKE, JOSEPH | 306.88 |
| SIDWELL COMPANY | 4,125.00 |
| TEAM LAB INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS | 906.00 |
| TEXTMYGOV | 3,200.00 |
| TITAN MACHINERY | 408.14 |
| VESTIS | 243.98 |
| Total | 124,291.46 |

Adam Schultz arrived at 9:30 a.m.

School Co-Op – Schultz has asked the board if the county would be interested in doing a co-op with high school students again this year. The students would be working at the county for 1.5 hours a day. Olerud made a motion to approve up to four students for the co-op. Mathern seconded. All aye. Motion carried. Gentzkow will send an email to the school and let them know, and if they have more students to contact the county.

Jamie from RDO arrived at 9:50.

**10:00 Bid Opening**

The county had received one bid from RDO, Caterpillar did not submit a bid as they called and had the incorrect date. There are two bid options with RDO, purchase or lease.

Brandy from Fallon Kellys office arrived at 10:10 a.m.

Gilbert made a motion to table the bids to review and award at the next commission meeting if all specs are met. Seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

CISA – Ken Griechen a Protective Security Advisor from Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency with homeland security appeared before the board to go over a site Security Assessment at First Entry of Ransom County Courthouse and Auditor’s Office.

Fallon Kelly arrived at 11:00 a.m.

Steve Burian with Burian and Associates, Brian Orn with Garrison Diversion and South East Water Users, Jeffrey Breker with South East Water Users, and Jay Paul Anderson with 6DSC and South East Water Users all appeared before the board to discuss a Red River Valley Water Supply Project. The Red River Valley Water Supply Project is a 240-million-dollar project. Ransom County is being asked if they would like to purchase backup water supply from the Missouri River, some counties have discussed using Job development funds to support this. Discussion was had. The goal for 2024 is to get Memorandum of commitment, good faith agreement to sign project participation agreement. No decisions were made.

Court Facility Improvement Grant – the county will apply to turn the courtroom around. The application will be emailed to Randy Gallagher, Kirsten Gilbert, Darren Benneweis, and Heather Bergemann.

Five County Meeting – Gentzkow will get a list from Wanda Shephard of who can attend.

With nothing further to come before the board they adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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