**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

December 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Kevin Bishop. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Todd Anderson, Sye Olson, Greg Schwab, and Kevin Bishop. Along with Auditor Nicole Gentzkow, and Lynn Kaspari from the Ransom County Gazette. Absent: Neil Olerud.

Agenda – was reviewed. Gentzkow asked to add construction of front offices to the agenda. Schwab moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye. Motion carried.

Gentzkow was asked to look for the agreement between NDSU and the County to the board. Discussion was had.

Minutes from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on December 3, 2024 were reviewed. Anderson moved, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills – commission audit listing in the amount of $182,564.16 were reviewed. Schwab moved, seconded by Olson to approve the commission audit listing in the amount of $182,564.16. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 9959 | 12/18/2024 | ASCHE, HOLLIE | 48.24 |
| 9960 | 12/18/2024 | GALLAGHER, RANDY | 658.36 |
| 9961 | 12/18/2024 | GILBERT, KIRSTEN | 50.00 |
| 9962 | 12/18/2024 | HEGLE, KELSEY | 120.60 |
| 9963 | 12/18/2024 | HOPKINS, ROBERTA PO BOX 950 | 67.50 |
| 9964 | 12/18/2024 | JONES, CHELSEY | 53.60 |
| 9965 | 12/18/2024 | KELLY, FALLON M. | 1,063.23 |
| 9966 | 12/18/2024 | LARSON, MEGHAN | 166.16 |
| 9967 | 12/18/2024 | LISBON, CITY OF | 68.90 |
| 9968 | 12/18/2024 | REINKE, JOSEPH | 95.00 |
| 9969 | 12/18/2024 | SYDNA TOWNSHIP | 8,290.05 |
| 9970 | 12/18/2024 | WEIDNER,SAMANTHA | 28.46 |
| 9971 | 12/18/2024 | WELTON, BRENNA | 223.50 |
| 9972 | 12/18/2024 | WILTSE,CAYLA | 321.60 |
| 13762 | 12/18/2024 | ANDERSON,CODY | 4,575.00 |
| 13763 | 12/18/2024 | CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC. | 5,553.24 |
| 13764 | 12/18/2024 | CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 485.00 |
| 13765 | 12/18/2024 | COMPUTER EXPRESS | 3,087.00 |
| 13766 | 12/18/2024 | COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY | 3,031.00 |
| 13767 | 12/18/2024 | DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS | 88.00 |
| 13768 | 12/18/2024 | DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | 22,546.47 |
| 13769 | 12/18/2024 | DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 1,101.55 |
| 13770 | 12/18/2024 | FARMERS UNION INSURANCE | 29.00 |
| 13771 | 12/18/2024 | GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 21.45 |
| 13772 | 12/18/2024 | HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. | 211.44 |
| 13773 | 12/18/2024 | HENRICKS, TYLER | 100.00 |
| 13774 | 12/18/2024 | IDEAL ENERGY LLC | 11,856.00 |
| 13775 | 12/18/2024 | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 2,186.45 |
| 13776 | 12/18/2024 | KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 92,430.92 |
| 13777 | 12/18/2024 | KRUEGER, DWIGHT H | 125.00 |
| 13778 | 12/18/2024 | LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY | 535.40 |
| 13779 | 12/18/2024 | LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER | 98.31 |
| 13780 | 12/18/2024 | LISBON TRUE VALUE | 330.05 |
| 13781 | 12/18/2024 | MEDTOX LABORATORIES, INC. | 23.64 |
| 13782 | 12/18/2024 | MLGC | 569.88 |
| 13783 | 12/18/2024 | ND ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250 | 1,650.00 |
| 13784 | 12/18/2024 | ND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ASSOC | 600.00 |
| 13785 | 12/18/2024 | NORIDIAN HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS, LLC | 692.46 |
| 13786 | 12/18/2024 | OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 172.96 |
| 13787 | 12/18/2024 | PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT | 400.00 |
| 13788 | 12/18/2024 | QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC. | 2,130.75 |
| 13789 | 12/18/2024 | RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE | 54.76 |
| 13790 | 12/18/2024 | RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO | 2,808.48 |
| 13791 | 12/18/2024 | RECORD KEEPERS, LLC | 55.00 |
| 13792 | 12/18/2024 | RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS | 2,550.00 |
| 13793 | 12/18/2024 | SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT | 645.05 |
| 13794 | 12/18/2024 | SAXERUD, MORRIS | 125.00 |
| 13795 | 12/18/2024 | TANYA WIELER | 1,500.00 |
| 13796 | 12/18/2024 | TOBACCO FREE NORTH DAKOTA | 2,000.00 |
| 13797 | 12/18/2024 | TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS | 173.75 |
| 13798 | 12/18/2024 | TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS | 479.83 |
| 13799 | 12/18/2024 | TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC. | 4,252.14 |
| 13800 | 12/18/2024 | WELL, WESLEY | 125.00 |
| 13801 | 12/18/2024 | WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 1,338.90 |
| 13802 | 12/18/2024 | WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH | 155.00 |
| 13803 | 12/18/2024 | WEX HEALTH, INC. | 50.00 |
| 13804 | 12/18/2024 | XTREME PRODUCTS | 65.08 |
| 13805 | 12/18/2024 | 5:9 WOODWORKS | 300.00 |
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|  |  | Total | 182,564.16 |

Scott Smyth with KLJ appeared before the board to discuss adding a sidewalk/bike path in the city of Fort Ransom going to the state park. Smyth let the board know they could apply for flex funding grant through the NDDOT. The flex funding grant is 100% funded by NDDOT. The county could also apply for the transportation alternative grant which would be an 80/20 split. A rough estimate on cost for the sidewalk/bike path is around $500,000 - $750,000. If the grants were approved the dollars would be available for construction in 2026. Smyth let the board know a change order was submitted for the Anslem Bridge due to the additional piling found in the river which added days and cost. Smyth felt the contractor was very forgiving of the charges on the change order, and there shouldn’t be any issues getting it through NDDOT Bridge Division.

Fort Ransom Sod Busters submitted a grant application from the Ransom County Park Board funds for the construction of 2 people haulers. Anderson moved, seconded by Schwab to approve a grant in the amount of $2500. All aye. Motion carried.

Jay Anderson and Steve Burian appeared before the board to answer any questions regarding the Red River Water Supply Project.

A local gaming permit for Riding for Dreams was handed in to the auditor’s office along with the appropriate fee on December 4th for a raffle in McLeod on December 7, 2024. The board approved the local gaming permit over the phone.

Credit Card policy was discussed. Kevin Bishop who is the portfolio holder for the extension office will go over the policy with the office.

Policy Handbook – topics of travel, meal, and taxes will be policies looked in and added.

Construction on the front of offices was discussed. The board decided they would like bids submitted before any more work is done.

Elliott City – Fallon Kelly, States Attorney let the board know he did some research on how to dissolve the City of Elliott. Kelly will work on setting something up to help get the process rolling.

Anderson moved, seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 9956 | 12/20/2024 | ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM | 31,668.18 |
| 9957 | 12/20/2024 | NDPERS,GROUP LIFE INSURANCE | 852.34 |
| 9958 | 12/20/2024 | OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER | 964.00 |
| 13755 | 12/20/2024 | ASSURITY | 403.05 |
| 13756 | 12/20/2024 | BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH DAKOTA | 58,583.50 |
| 13757 | 12/20/2024 | COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE | 288.46 |
| 13758 | 12/20/2024 | COMPANION LIFE | 2,480.60 |
| 13759 | 12/20/2024 | NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS,PEBSCO | 9,759.16 |
| 13760 | 12/20/2024 | UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA | 345.00 |
| 13761 | 12/20/2024 | WEX HEALTH, INC. | 1,465.17 |
| 13806 | 12/23/2024 | FORT RANSOM SODBUSTERS | 2,500.00 |
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|  |  | Total | 109,309.46 |

ATTEST:

Nicole R. Gentzkow Kevin Bishop, Chairman

Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission