**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting – March 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Todd Anderson. The Pledge of allegiance was recited. Members present: Todd Anderson, Neil Olerud, Sye Olson, and Kevin Bishop. Absent was Greg Schwab. Also in attendance was Auditor Nicole Gentzkow, and Lynn Kaspari from the Ransom County Gazette.

The agenda was reviewed. Olerud asked to add radios to the agenda. Olerud moved, seconded Bishop to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on February 18, 2025 were reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual warrants in the amount of $26,741.75 were reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to pay the manual warrants in the amount of $26,741.75.

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| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 37.18 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 48.32 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 41.94 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 32.20 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 38.97 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 39.29 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 75.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 70.67 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 39.50 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 176.00 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 69.32 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 66.50 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 278.99 |
| MARCO | 303.86 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 24.21 |
| MARCO | 168.25 |
| MARCO | 225.90 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 446.96 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 574.07 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 2,724.39 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 140.29 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 17,349.44 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 63.85 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 68.89 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 46.45 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 240.87 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 2,079.92 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 239.95 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 16.00 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 678.46 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 136.71 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 40.36 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 58.28 |
| SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 70.76 |

Commission Audit Listing in the amount of $37,473.47 were reviewed by the board. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the bills with the removal of Cody Anderson’s bill. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 10130 |  3/05/2025 | GENTZKOW, NICOLE  | 311.22 |
| 10131 |  3/05/2025 | HAECHERL, TERESA  | 72.10 |
| 13963 |  3/05/2025 | ADVANCED ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL  | 91.50 |
| 13964 |  3/05/2025 | ANDERSON,CODY  | 2,870.00 |
| 13965 |  3/05/2025 | ANDERSON,REBECCA  | 2,502.40 |
| 13966 |  3/05/2025 | COMPUTER EXPRESS  | 2,422.99 |
| 13967 |  3/05/2025 | DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  | 492.01 |
| 13968 |  3/05/2025 | DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.  | 208.81 |
| 13969 |  3/05/2025 | GORDY'S GRILL & FILL  | 19.33 |
| 13970 |  3/05/2025 | KOTACO  | 4,920.02 |
| 13971 |  3/05/2025 | KRAZY KREFT  | 220.00 |
| 13972 |  3/05/2025 | MARCO  | 204.47 |
| 13973 |  3/05/2025 | MCRITCHIE,ROBERT  | 300.00 |
| 13974 |  3/05/2025 | NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON  | 265.35 |
| 13975 |  3/05/2025 | ND CLERKS ASSOCIATION  | 100.00 |
| 13976 |  3/05/2025 | OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR  | 19,640.00 |
| 13977 |  3/05/2025 | STOUDT MILLER, INC.  | 1,506.00 |
| 13978 |  3/05/2025 | SWANSON,BRADLEY  | 300.00 |
| 13979 |  3/05/2025 | TITAN MACHINERY  | 149.40 |
| 13980 |  3/05/2025 | VESTIS  | 225.37 |
| 13981 |  3/05/2025 | WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE  | 52.50 |
| 13982 |  3/05/2025 | WORKFORCE SAFETY AND INSURANCE  | 250.00 |
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|  |  | Total | 37,123.47 |

Sheriff Darren Benneweis appeared before the board to ask for permission to travel to Pittsburg, PE for a Criminal Justice Information and Sharing training. The training will be paid for through the FBI, the county will not be responsible for any charges. Olerud moved, seconded by Olson to approve Darren Benneweis to travel to Pittsburg for the Criminal Justice Information and Sharing training. All aye. Motion carried. Sheriff Benneweis also presented a quote from Puklich for a 2025 Chevy Tahoe police package. Benneweis let the board know Adam Schultz highway superintendent would like to purchase the squad pickup form the sheriff’s department. Some of the pickups currently in the highway department are up there in miles and are starting to have a lot of issues. If they are able to purchase the old squad, they would sell one of the pickups currently at the highway department. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to allow Benneweis to purchase a vehicle from Puklich and to sell the old squad to the highway department. All aye. Motion carried.

Chris Sandvig from Fallon Kelly’s office arrived at 9:50 a.m.

NDSU Extension – Sam Weidner and Brian Zimprich appeared before the board to let them know that Sam Weidner’s last day would be April 15, 2025. Brian Zimprich emailed the board back in January and let them know he has yet to get a response to his email. Zimprich also stated he has yet to get a signed budget that was requested. Gentzkow let the board know an unsigned copy of the budget had been given to his office. Discussion was had. Bishop signed a copy of the budget for Zimprich.

Highway Superintendent Adam Schultz passed out copies of a material list for the Sheldon Shop that is to be 40 x 60. The material list was for a wood structure, the board has asked Schultz to also get a material list for a steel frame building. The board wants a call for bids to be put in the paper for labor on wood or steel building. Schultz also let the board know that NDLTAP would like to host a shoulder pulling class in Ransom County. Schultz said the county will get three free registrations for hosting the class. Schultz has reached out to RDO and they are willing to provide lunch for the participants taking the shoulder pulling class.

The 5 County meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2025 at 11am in Ellendale, ND.

Cody Anderson’s bill was discussed. The board called Anderson to appear before the board to explain his bill. Discussion was had Anderson stated he may have not calculated the hours correctly and would remove 5 hours on the motor vehicle bill. Kevin moved, seconded by Olson to pay the bill in the amount of $2870, and not use Cody Anderosn for future projects. All aye. Motion carried. The board then reiterated that all departments need to get quotes and approval from the commission before any work is done. The board would like the quotes to be for all offices in one.

Water Board was discussed. Olerud would move to appoint David Dahl if he will be willing to accept. Olson seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried. Ron Hartl is willing to continue serving until a replacement is found.

Fort Ransom Sod Busters applied for a grant from the Ransom County Park Board for $2500 for construction of people movers to be pulled behind horses. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the grant request for $2500. All aye. Motion carried.

Gentzkow presented a Tyler Technologies bill for the recorders office that is due. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to have the auditor’s office pay the Tyler Technology bill by credit card. All aye. Motion carried.

Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Nicole R. Gentzkow Greg Schwab, Chairman

Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission