RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – December 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Mathern. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Connie Gilbert, Neil Olerud, Kevin Bishop, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern.

Agenda - The agenda was reviewed. Gilbert moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Schwab. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – From the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on November 15, 2022 were considered. Gilbert moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from special meeting on October 24, 2022 were considered. Olerud moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Schwab. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills – In the amount of $223,324.61 were reviewed by the board. Gilbert moved to approve the bills with the exception of the fuel surcharge for Lesmeister Gravel until the board can research, and to add $450 for South East Region County dues. Olerud seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion carried.

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| ANDERSON, STEVE | 70.00 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES | 200.96 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 1,104.84 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS | 1,775.00 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY | 2,945.00 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY | 412.30 |
| DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP. | 70.64 |
| DS SOLUTIONS, INC. | 275.00 |
| ELECTIONS SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | 3,599.20 |
| FARMERS UNION INSURANCE | 158.00 |
| GALLAGHER, RANDY | 360.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 154.89 |
| IAAO | 160.00 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 22,722.09 |
| KELLY, FALLON M. | 789.09 |
| LESMEISTER GRAVEL | 121,629.11 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS | 159.45 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 249.64 |
| LISBON OIL COMPANY | 4,881.97 |
| LISBON POSTMASTER | 48.00 |
| LISBON, CITY OF |  |
| MARCO | 728.22 |
| NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | 450.00 |
| ND GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT | 281.00 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION | 24,206.64 |
| ND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY | 7.19 |
| NDACO RESOURCES GROUP | 15,429.84 |
| OLERUD, NEIL | 995.29 |
| ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. | 5.20 |
| ONSOLVE LLC | 8,324.76 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 1,631.41 |
| PROUTY,MARIA | 93.75 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC | 2,000.00 |
| QUALITY INN-BISMARCK | 352.80 |
| RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION | 450.00 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO | 484.95 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC | 37.50 |
| ROTENBERGER, LONNIE | 162.33 |
| SANDVIG, ROGER | 500.00 |
| SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 48.16 |
| TEAL'S MARKET | 12.58 |
| TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC. | 3,856.82 |
| VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, INC. | 450.60 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN | 214.24 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 557.40 |
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| Total | 223,324.61 |

Reorganization of the board - Mathern then handed the meeting over to the auditor. Auditor Nicole Gentzkow called for nominations for Chairman. Olerud nominated Gilbert, as Chairman. Olerud moved that nominations cease. Bishop seconded the motion. Gentzkow called for all in favor of Gilbert as Chairman – Four were in favor, Gilbert opposed. Motion carried. Gilbert then called for nominations for Vice Chairman, Olerud moved to nominate Schwab as Vice Chairman. Olerud moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Schwab as Vice Chairman. Mathern, seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

VSO – Joe Reinke appeared before the board with Paul Larson a resident from the Veterans Home who would like to volunteer in the VSO office to help with phone calls and appointments when Joe Reinke is away. Larson worked in Clay County doing this for over ten years. Reinke called and got references on Larson, and he had glowing reviews. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to approve Paul Larson to volunteer in the VSO office.

Load Pass - Joelle VanderLinden presented to the board. The initial set up for load pass is $1500, after that it is an annual charge based off the number of permits sold. If the county were to go ahead with load pass, they would get to keep all the revenue except 1.5% which would go to load pass to help maintain the system. The board will discuss at the next meeting and make a decision.

Emergency manager – Kirsten Gilbert appeared before the board to let them know about a cyber security grant she is applying for through the state. Computer Express assisted Gilbert with it. The dollar value being requested is right under $10,000.

911 Coordinator – Kirsten Gilbert also let the board know the generator for the 911 tower would be here this week. However, she is looking for an electrician who has time to install the new generator. Tony Kelsen looked at the 911 building and thought the county may want to consider building a new one next spring/summer. Gilbert is going to look to see if that can come out of the 911 fund.

Fox Farm residents were added to the agenda

Fox Farm – Scott Huether and Terry Thompson appeared before the board. Huether wants to make sure that all land owners have access to their homes and properties when the bridge is built. The board gave verbal authorization that all land owners will have access to their property once the bridge is built.

KLJ- The GEO tech report on the Anslem bridge came back and they are recommending a 4:1 slope which would increase the cost of the project approximately $300,000. However, KLJ did some exclusive research and they feel comfortable recommending the county go with a 3:1 slope. Funding for this project was capped at 1.25 million so the rest will be county expense. The board feels comfortable going with the 3:1 slope recommended by KLJ.

911 Building – Mathern did some research and quoted a new building will cost roughly $35,000 to build.

Beer and liquor permits – Were submitted by Sticklestad Lodge, Silver Prairie along with the appropriate fees. The Sand Dune submitted just a beer permit along with the appropriate fee.

Pending appropriate taxes have been paid. Bishop moved, seconded by Mathern to approve all beer and liquor permits submitted.

Gaming Permit – Was submitted by Lisbon Gymnastics along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern. All aye. Motion carried.

December 23, 2022 – The county handbook states if Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday employees will get four hours paid the Friday before. The board discussed if they should be closed the full day on December 23 or be open for four hours. Discussion was had. Olerud moved, seconded by Mathern to close December 23, 2022. All aye. Motion carried.

5 County Meeting – Will be Thursday December 8, 2022 in Edgely ND at 4 p.m. There will also be a clerk of court meeting at 1:30 p.m. in Ellendale December 8.

NDSU Extension – Olerud let the board know someone from NDSU Extension called about replacing Deb Lee. Interviews will be held on December 14, at 4 p.m. Bishop is willing to be the portfolio holder for NDSU extension and sit in on the interviews.

Tax Director - Kristie Reinke will be done on December 31, 2022, her resignation letter has already been submitted.

Employee Handbook – Will be discussed for 30 minutes at the next commission meeting.

Being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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