RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – July 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Joe Mathern. Roll call was taken: Gilbert, Olerud, Schwab, and Mathern were present. Also, in attendance via zoom were Nickela Runck, Chelsey Jones, Bea Roach, Brenna Welton, Shelly, Schwab, Cindy Morin, Jenna Olerud, Kathie Erickson, Eric, Kristie Reinke, Lonnie Rotenberger, Jenna Hieggelke, and Maria Prouty. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda – The board reviewed the agenda presented. Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the agenda as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – From the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on July 5, 2022 were reviewed. Olerud moved to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Gilbert. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills – In the amount of $203,624.21 were considered. Olerud moved, seconded by Gilbert to approve bills worth $203,722.21. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ACQUISIGN, LLC | 300.00 |
| ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES | 182.68 |
| ASCHE, HOLLIE | 260.23 |
| BAKKEGARD & SCHELL | 3,389.00 |
| BANKNORTH | 120.00 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 3,060.00 |
| BEAR CREEK GRAVEL | 25,266.42 |
| BENNEWEIS, DARREN | 21.00 |
| BOLD PRINT | 142.50 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC. | 11,386.27 |
| CARLA BROADLAND, NDAAO SECRETARY | 560.00 |
| CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT | 5,528.16 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS | 9,820.96 |
| CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC | 316.86 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY | 476.29 |
| DAKOTA PLAINS AG- GWINNER | 1,945.12 |
| DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC CO-OP. | 55.53 |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS | 52.50 |
| DELTATRAK | 180.32 |
| DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | 3,980.50 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 749.86 |
| DS SOLUTIONS, INC. | 275.00 |
| ERICKSON, KATHIE | 389.90 |
| F/S MANUFACTURING | 1,217.85 |
| FARMERS UNION INSURANCE | 496.00 |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE | 4,966.67 |
| FP MAILING SOLUTIONS | 149.85 |
| FRIDRYCH, SARA | 18.14 |
| GILBERT, CONNIE | 19.90 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN | 50.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 45.00 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY | 155.07 |
| HOENHAUSE, JODY | 27,719.73 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 1,268.10 |
| INTERCOMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY | 75.00 |
| JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS | 500.00 |
| JAMESTOWN EMS EDUCATION | 5.00 |
| JONES, CHELSEY | 553.12 |
| KELLER, MALLORY | 1,000.00 |
| KELLY, FALLON M. | 1,480.07 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 8,191.81 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN | 80.75 |
| LESMEISTER GRAVEL | 10,525.71 |
| LISBON OIL COMPANY | 8,250.15 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE | 281.51 |
| MARCO | 1,130.70 |
| MATHERN, JOE | 11.70 |
| MICHAELSON, TIM | 19.89 |
| NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON | 22.88 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK | 12.00 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION | 240.00 |
| NDEMA | 90.00 |
| NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE-7510 | 150.50 |
| OLERUD, SCOTT | 153.48 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 4,009.33 |
| POOR SIDE REPAIR | 683.82 |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC | 868.86 |
| QUAL, ANGELA | 250.00 |
| RAMKOTA HOTEL OF BISMARCK | 172.80 |
| RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE | 299.22 |
| RANSOM COUNTY SADD CHAPTER | 300.00 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT CO.- MOORHEAD | 30,000.00 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO | 1,283.00 |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC | 16.00 |
| RHOMAR INDUSTRIES, INC. | 1,551.88 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT | 1,000.00 |
| RUNCK, NICKELA | 128.00 |
| SARGENT COUNTY | 110.00 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT | 6,818.17 |
| SCHWAB, SHELLY | 186.03 |
| SERVICEMASTER OF OAKES | 650.00 |
| SHELVER, ROBIN | 17.55 |
| STURDEVANT'S INC | 151.98 |
| STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 2,250.00 |
| TRAV'S OUTFITTER OFFICE | 1,202.49 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS | 204.80 |
| VANGUARD APPRAISALS | 13,014.00 |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN | 214.24 |
| WELTON, BRENNA | 411.00 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 85.58 |
| WILTSE, CAYLA | 311.00 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN | 94.78 |
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| Total | 203,624.21 |

Ransom County Housing Authority – Derek Johnson appeared before the board to present the housing authority minutes from the previous quarterly meeting to go over January, February, and March financials. Olerud moved to approve the minutes as Johnson read, seconded by Gilbert. All aye. Motion carried. Johnson then presented financials for April, May, and June 2022 for the Ransom County Housing Authority. Schwab moved to approve the financials presented by Johnson for April, May, and June, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

New Commission Appointment – Two letters of interest were received by the board to fill the open commission position. Both candidates were considered. Olerud moved to appoint Andrew Beerman to fill the open commission seat until the first meeting in December 2022. Schwab seconded the motion. All aye.

Recorder’s Office – Recorder Shelly Schwab appeared before the board to present numbers and increase of documents in the past few years due to covid. Schwab presented documents showing a steady increase in revenue since 2016. Schwab explained the importance of having documents on Ndrin, and let the board know that the county receives $1 per page when someone views them. Schwab is requesting to increase the current deputy recorder position from 32 hours per week to 40 hours per week with full benefits. Greg Schwab motioned to allow Shelly Schwab to hire a full-time deputy if that is what she feels she needs, Olerud seconded the motion. Greg Schwab, Olerud, and Mathern were in favor, Gilbert opposed. Motion passed.

Rural Development Site Analysis– Amber Boeshans with North Dakota Live Stock Alliance and Ty Eschenbaum from A1 Development Solutions appeared before the board to discuss a study of rural development site analysis. The study would be 100% funded by North Dakota Live Stock Alliance and would grade (good, better, best) property based off location, water supply, and other amenities for operating a concentrated animal feeding operation site. North Dakota Live Stock Alliance has found there are many people in the state who would like to operate feeding sites, but are unsure of the zoning laws. Discussion was had. Schwab moved to work with North Dakota Live Stock Alliance Amber Boeshans and A1 Development Solutions Ty Eschenbaum to explore a development study in Ransom County to explore concentrated animal feeding operation sites at no expense to the county, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

City of Fort Ransom – Steve Thorfinnson, and Al Huckell, Mayor of Fort Ransom appeared before the board to discuss some recent financial concerns they are having due to sewer issues in the City of Fort Ransom. Huckell and Thorfinnson asked the board if the County had any extra ARPA money. Chairman Mathern let Mayor Huckell and Steve Thorfinnson know about some financial funding specifically for small cities like them through a magazine called the Source he had recently received. Mathern gave them the name and number of who to contact, and told them she was expecting a call from them.

Aging in the Community – Katie Mairs appeared before the board to let them know of the services they are offering through Aging in the Community, which is a pilot project grant through NDSU. The grant is for three years, and the program is just entering its second year. The program has been focusing on helping elderly with transportation needs, socialization, support, and making homes more livable as they age. They have also hosted some fun events such as technology and companionship events which are open to anyone. Mairs hopes the county will consider supporting the program once the grant runs out with NDSU.

Andrew Beerman joined the meeting.

Fox Farm Bridge - Ron Carlson and Jeff Enderson joined the meeting for discussion on the Fox Farm Bridge, along with Jordan Weir from Vogel Law who is representing the Fox Farm residents. Mathern gave the board an update he had gone to see Louis Bergh again and she has asked to not be made out to be a mean old lady. Bergh is trying and willing to work with the county. Mathern has also spoke to the Veterans home to see what it will take to get an easement across their land. It is on the agenda for the next Veterans home meeting, if they approve it there, it will then go to the Governor to sign off on.

KLJ- Scott Smyth appeared before the board with a Scope of Service Preliminary Engineering Bridge 37-117-15.0 Amendment to owner -engineer agreement/roadway realignment alternatives agreement for the Fox Farm Bridge. Gilbert moved to sign the new agreement so KLJ could proceed with cost for alternative routes for the Fox Farm Bridge residents, seconded by Olerud. All Aye. Motion carried.

State Radio – Gentzkow presented a letter sent from North Dakota State Emergency Services regarding the new upcoming 2023-2035 biennium fees for the 911 dispatching services provided by Sate Radio. It is recommended that your county budgets $1.51 per line per month cost. If McKenzie County continues to be a State Radio customer as of July 1, 2023, the county will be billed at the rate of $1.39 per line per month for the state fiscal year. If McKenzie County transitions to local dispatch, an increased fee will be effective when that occurs. Currently Ransom County bills $2.00 per line. Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to sign the 2023-2025 State Radio contract. All aye. Motion carried.

RSR Board – Per century code each county must have a commissioner represent them on the Zone board for Social Services. Olerud moved to appoint Mathern to the Social Service zone board, seconded by Gilbert for discussion. All opposed.

Schwab moved to appoint Gilbert to the Social Service zone board as she was involved with Social Services for the county before they became a zone. Olerud seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

With nothing further to come before the board. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. by Chairman Mathern.

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