RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – November 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Joe Mathern. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Connie Gilbert, Neil Olerud, Andrew Beerman, Greg Schwab, and Joe Mathern. Also present: Shelly Schwab, Lonnie Rotenberger, Jenna Olerud, Randy Gallagher, Cindy Morin, Bea Roach, TC, Kristie Reinke, and Lynn Kaspari.

Agenda – Was reviewed, Township fees and Tax Director position were added to the agenda. Olerud moved to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Beerman. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – From the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on October 18, 2022 were discussed. Gilbert moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the minutes with the corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills – In the amount of $23,907.24 were considered. Olerud moved, seconded by Beerman to approve the bills in the amount of $23,907.24. All aye. Motion carried.

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| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 3,060.00 |  |
| BUNN, TIFFANY | 310.00 |  |
| CITY VIEW FUEL LLC | 394.39 |  |
| DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS | 67.50 |  |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 218.30 |  |
| FIRST MEDIC AMBULANCE | 4,966.67 |  |
| FP MAILING SOLUTIONS | 149.85 |  |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 295.00 |  |
| HOPKINS, JEFF | 35.00 |  |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 79.95 |  |
| JAMES/VALLEY REGIONAL LODGE #4 | 50.00 |  |
| LAQUINTA INNS & SUITES | 867.60 |  |
| LEXIPOL LLC | 2,685.62 |  |
| LISBON POSTMASTER | 180.00 |  |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE | 4.99 |  |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 600.81 |  |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATION | 240.00 |  |
| NDSU FOUNDATION-AGING IN THE COMMUNITY | 2,500.00 |  |
| ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC | 717.25 |  |
| QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC | 4,125.18 |  |
| RECORD KEEPERS, LLC | 55.00 |  |
| RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS | 110.00 |  |
| ROACH, BERNADINE | 114.25 |  |
| TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC. | 300.18 |  |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 1,779.70 |  |
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| Total | 23,907.24 |  |

Manual Warrants – In the amount of $12,072.90 were reviewed by the board. Gilbert moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the manual warrants in the amount of $12,072.90. All aye. Motion carried.

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| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 507.72 |  |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 8,584.72 |  |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 249.64 |  |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 294.98 |  |
| MARCO | 1,477.52 |  |
| ND GAME & FISH DEPARTMENT | 180.00 |  |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 90.00 |  |
| SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 51.90 |  |
| VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, INC. | 182.24 |  |
| WEX BANK | 454.18 |  |
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| Total | 12,072.90 |  |

Fallon Kelly arrived

Sheyenne Speedway Race Track – Benjie Froemke, Tyler Shelton, and Sean McCloud appeared before the board checking to see if the $30,000 was approved by the board to help keep the track open. No decision has been made, but the board suggested that Benjie looks into Economic Development to see if there is extra mill levy money. If Benjie is not able to get the $30,000, he will be done managing the track and the fair board does not want to manage the track. Benjie would like to move the race days to Thursdays which would allow more two-day events. Fallon Kelly said he would do some research regarding the mill levy for the future.

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Tax Director position – Mathern and Gilbert recommended hiring Teresa Haecherl for the position, but Beerman wanted to discuss. Discussion was had, and Fallon suggested that a third-party investigation needs to be a part of the process if someone is to be let go at the county. Roll call was done for hiring Haecherl: Gilbert: yes, Olerud: yes, Beerman: yes, Schwab: yes, Mathern: yes. Motion passed for hiring Teresa Haecherl as the new Tax Director effective January 1, 2023.

Burns Architect – Kerry Peuser from Burns Architect presented three options to the board regarding the remodel for the courthouse. Discussion was had, and the board would like Peuser to come back in December with a new option.

Fox Farm Bridge – Scott Smyth from KLJ appeared before the board. Smyth stated that easements have to be in place before Ivan and his crew can start on the road. Discussion was had. Schwab made a motion to do the road ourselves with the required easements from the land owners. No one seconded. Motion died.

Olerud made a motion, seconded by Schwab to commence road construction after easements. After the easement’s, construction will be first, at the same time apply for Fema, at the same time 404 permit from US Corps of Engineers, and utilize KLJ for Fema and 404 application process. All aye. Motion carried. Mathern stated a school bus will be used unless the weather is bad. They will send out a van if a bus can not be used at that time. The county crew will be responsible for the snow removal.

Township Fees – Joe Mathern thinks the townships should pay what was passed, but would like to think of new ways on how the townships should pay. Fallon Kelly questioned the board if he should send a letter to the townships, and if the townships don’t pay the fee, the townships could have another assessment done. Olerud made a motion for Kelly to send the letter, seconded by Gilbert. Gilbert: yes, Olerud: yes, Beerman: no, Schwab: no, and Mathern: yes. Motion carried.

There being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Mathern adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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Maria Prouty Joe Mathern, Chairman

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