RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – November 15, 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: Cindy Morin, Shelly Schwab, Kristina, Nickela Runck, Jess, Kathie Erickson, Kristie Reinke, Bea Roach, Jenna H, Bob Smith, Brenna Welton, Jenna, Darren Benneweis, and Kevin Bishop.

Agenda – Was reviewed. Contracts for easements was added to the agenda. Olerud made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Seconded by Gilbert. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – From the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on November 1, 2022 were discussed. Gilbert made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

Bills – In the amount of 224,484.38. The board would like to see how much money people are getting for grants to keep track of the spending. Gilbert moved, seconded by Beerman to approve the warrants in the amount of. All aye. Motion carried.

Kirsten Gilbert with 911 – Gilbert would like a new generator for the 911 tower incase the power goes out. Different quotes were provided. Mathern would like the current building torn down and a new one built to house the new generator. The county will have to look at the property lines and figure out different options and bids. Beerman made a motion to replace the current generator, go with the one-year contract, and get bids for the building. Gilbert seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Kirsten Gilbert, Code Red – Gilbert let the board know that the county will have to stay with code red until September 1st.

Meeting was tabled for Delinquent Tax sale

Back in session at 10:18

Bea Roach, Court contract clerk resolution – Bea Roach came to the board to let them know the state legislators want to buy out all of the Clerk of Court contracts so they become state employees. Roach stated the courthouse wont always have the same person, and there won’t be local services anymore. Olerud made a motion to send a resolution opposing to make Ransom County clerk office a state office. Gilbert Seconded. Roll call: Gilbert; yes, Olerud; yes, Beerman; yes, Schwab; yes, and Mathern; yes. Motion carried.

Fox Farm Residents – Easements were reviewed. Fox Farm residents want the language of the easements changed. They would like a private drive for only emergency vehicles to have access to. They would like a chain across the entrance of the road and a sign to keep others off of the road. The Carlson’s do not want the road on any of their property, they would like it along the Woods property.

Fallon Kelly arrived

Scott Huether joined the meeting via phone.

Fallon Kelly will send a letter regarding the Fox Farm bridge.

Scott Smyth with KLJ – Smyth is working with Fema and provided an hourly contract to sign, which is a short form of agreement between the owner and engineer for professional service. Fema is working with Shippo.

Meeting was tabled at 12:05 for lunch

Miscellaneous – Gentzkow stated that election canvassing will be November 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

There being nothing further to come before the board, Chairman Mathern adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

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