**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting – April 1, 2025

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

Agenda - was review. Tawnya Taylor with Ransom County Housing Authority was added to the agenda at 9:30am. Bishop moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on March 18, 2025 were considered. Bishop moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual warrants – in the amount of $20,294.81 were reviewed. The board discussed a Sams Club membership paid for by the county. The membership was put in an employee’s name, and that office stated they did not want anyone except their office to use the membership. The board discussed. The membership needs to get changed to Ransom County’s name so others can use it for county business or the employee needs to pay the county for the membership. Olerud moved to approve the bills with the change to the Sam’s Club membership, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

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| MARCO | 303.86 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 454.91 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 39.50 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 205.11 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 72.08 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 139.75 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 72.50 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 346.31 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 2,755.22 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 278.99 |
| LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. | 204.35 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 75.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 31.66 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 46.42 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 31.37 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 42.26 |
| MARCO | 225.90 |
| MARCO | 10.00 |
| MARCO | 168.25 |
| THE ONSHIP GROUP, INC | 200.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 35.53 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 46.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 49.40 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 44.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 40.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 48.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 41.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 39.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 42.78 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 39.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 59.48 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 8.00 |
| BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES | 57.53 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 678.46 |
| MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS | 10.00 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 185.82 |
| SOUTHEAST WATER USERS | 68.84 |
| LISBON, CITY OF | 16.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 51.44 |
| MARCO | 136.71 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA | 10,851.90 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 65.13 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 73.21 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 46.45 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 227.20 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | 1,668.32 |
| CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP | -81.79 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER CO | 33.96 |
|  | **20,294.81** |

Tawnya Taylor with the Ransom County Housing Authority appeared before the board. Taylor presented the minutes from January 7, 2025. Anderson moved to approve the Housing Authority Minutes as presented, seconded by Bishop. All aye. Motion carried.

Taylor then presented the financials from January, February, and March 2025. Bishop moved to approve the financials for the three months as presented, seconded by Anderson. All aye. Motion carried.

Commission Audit Listing in the amount of $79,912.69 was reviewed by the board. Bishop moved to approve the commission audit listing with the change of a few account numbers, seconded by Anderson. All aye. Motion carried.

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| 10204 | 4/02/2025 | GENTZKOW, NICOLE | 259.00 |
| 10205 | 4/02/2025 | KUEHN, WARD | 420.50 |
| 10206 | 4/02/2025 | RANSOM CO WATER RESOURCE DIST | 35,000.00 |
| 10207 | 4/02/2025 | RUNCK, NICKELA | 30.00 |
| 10208 | 4/02/2025 | SCHWAB, SHELLY | 102.62 |
| 10209 | 4/02/2025 | ZIMPRICH, BRIAN | 298.90 |
| 14028 | 4/02/2025 | A W DIESEL SERVICE | 14.12 |
| 14029 | 4/02/2025 | ANDERSON,CODY | 350.00 |
| 14030 | 4/02/2025 | BRUSH AND DUST PAINTING & CLEANING LLC | 200.50 |
| 14031 | 4/02/2025 | DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS | 128.00 |
| 14032 | 4/02/2025 | GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 68.59 |
| 14033 | 4/02/2025 | GRIGGS POOR SIDE REPAIR | 378.33 |
| 14034 | 4/02/2025 | HIEGGELKE,JENNA | 70.70 |
| 14035 | 4/02/2025 | IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA LLC | 24,819.00 |
| 14036 | 4/02/2025 | KOTACO | 11,606.63 |
| 14037 | 4/02/2025 | LISBON BODY SHOP | 135.00 |
| 14038 | 4/02/2025 | NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON | 239.98 |
| 14039 | 4/02/2025 | ND WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION | 1,170.00 |
| 14040 | 4/02/2025 | NDAAO | 870.00 |
| 14041 | 4/02/2025 | OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY | 1,988.52 |
| 14042 | 4/02/2025 | QUILL CORPORATION | 69.99 |
| 14043 | 4/02/2025 | STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 328.00 |
| 14044 | 4/02/2025 | VESTIS | 225.37 |
| 14045 | 4/02/2025 | WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO. | 350.94 |
| 14046 | 4/02/2025 | WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 788.00 |
|  |  | Total | 79,912.69 |

Adam Schultz – highway superintendent appeared before the board to present a compiled list of gravel bids. Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to accept all the gravel bids and leave it up to Schultz on who to use. All aye. Motion carried.

A storage bill in the amount was submitted by Tim Jordan for the pallet of wood for the auditor’s office cabinets. Jordan charged $50 per day from January 1, 2025 to March 10, 2025 due to the materials making other projects more difficult by having to work around it. Discussion was had. Anderson would like to have Jordan appear before the board to explain the storage bill, and discuss if he is still willing to build the cabinets. Anderson moved, seconded by Olerud to not pay Tim Jordan’s storage bill and ask him to come before the board for explanation. All aye. Motion carried.

Fallon Kelly State’s Attorney arrived at 10:00 am

Sheriff Darren Benneweis appeared before the board to discuss dances. Benneweis let the board know in the past when a dance took place that was not private, the sheriff’s department was hired to do security. The officers would get paid directly from the business or individuals hosting the dance. Deputies would us the county vehicle and supplies. Benneweis learned that if something were to happen to the deputy while working the dance and not on the county’s payroll workforce safety insurance will not cover the medical claim. Discussion was had. Gentzkow advised the county needs to pay the officer through the county if they are using county equipment and WSI were to cover a claim if something were to happen. Gentzkow suggested the board set an hourly rate for the officer and the county also get a little money due to the expense to the county. The business or the individual having the event will need to pay the county directly before the event occurs. Anderson moved, seconded by Bishop to charge $100 per hour for dances. Roll call vote was taken: Anderson – yes, Olerud – no, Bishop – yes, Schwab – yes. Motion carried.

Brenna Welton, and Chelsey Jones appeared before the board to discuss public health funding. Discussion was had on districts and different ways of funding public health. Anderson moved, seconded by Bishop to move all public health accounts over to the nurses special 2000-0209 account. Roll call vote was taken: Anderson – yes, Olerud – yes, Bishop – yes, Schwab – yes. Motion carried. By moving all accounts into the 2000-0209 nurses special account all revenue and expenses will be taken out of one department and it will make tracking easier.

Scott Smyth with KLJ appeared before the board to discuss upcoming projects on the radar and federal aid account balance. Discussion was had on the haul road 130th Ave and the Will’s Road. The project is expected to cost around $800,000 the county has a Flex Fund grant from the NDDOT which would pay for 80% of the project. The project is to add six inches of gravel, dust control, and a sidewalk in the east ditch from the beginning of Prairie View dr and Josh Differing’s driveway. With county funds being tight, and many roads needing repaired Gentzkow doesn’t know if it is in the counties best interest to move forward with this project. Discussion was had. No decisions needed to be made today. Smyth let the board know as of now there was nothing that could be done to repair the Hock Bridge.

Gentzkow presented an estimate from Riverside for the auditor’s office and the treasurer’s office. No decisions were made at the time.

Job Development Board – Kristina Dick and Shelly Schwab had submitted an application to be on the job development board for the at large open position. Discussion was had. The board wasn’t comfortable with either applicant on the board due to conflicts. Bishop moved to reject the two applicants due to conflict or affiliations and continue to look for another applicant to serve on the board. All aye. Motion carried.

Handbook will be reviewed on April 11, 2025 after the pancake feed.

Garrison Diversion Rec Committee submitted a letter to the board letting them know that the Sheyenne River Water Trail Grant was approved for $34,700 with the local share being twenty five percent.

Cody Anderson dropped off a bill in the auditor’s office during the commission meeting requesting to be paid for the five hours he previously told the commission to not pay, as his time keeping was not accurate on charges for the Treasurer’s office. Cody Anderson was upset his named was mentioned in the previous commission meeting minutes, and is no longer willing to remove the five hours. Anderson moved, seconded by Bishop to pay Cody Anderson for the five hours and this would eliminate Cody Anderson for ever getting a bid from the county again. All aye. Motion carried.

With nothing further to come before the board Bishop moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Nicole R. Gentzkow Greg Schwab, Chairman

Ransom County Auditor Ransom County Commission