**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting – July 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Schwab at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Todd Anderson, Neil Olerud, Sye Olson, Kevin Bishop, and Greg Schwab. Also present: Auditor Nicole Gentzkow and Lynn Kaspari with the Ransom County Gazette.

Agenda was reviewed. Anderson added a couple items Qual Road, lockers for the courtroom, banking, and fuel tanks. Anderson moved, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda with additions. All aye. Motion carried.

Sandy Hoff with City of Lisbon council appeared before the board. Hoff let the board know the City of Lisbon made a motion to allocate $28,500 to the flex fund project the county was planning to do on 130th Ave and the Will’s Road. The City of Lisbon wanted the $28,500 to only go towards the sidewalk and possibly move it from the ditch to an easement between Hoff’s and Kunze. The city is not opposed to phase two and would like to work together on the grant application.

Teresa Haecherl, tax director appeared before the board to go over her budget and request an additional full-time employee. Haecherl also let the board know the annual tax director convention and training will be in Medora. Haecherl asked the board to approve the higher state rate for 3 nights that she will be staying in Medora. Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to approve the higher state rate for the tax director conference in Medora, ND. All aye. Motion carried.

Brandi from Fallon’s office arrived at 9:55 a.m.

Kirsten Gilbert appeared before the board and asked them to remove the burn ban that had been placed on a two-mile radius around the South Bow pipeline leak. Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to rescind the two-mile radius burn ban around the South Bow pipeline leak. All aye. Motion carried.

Paint – Gentzkow let the board know Riverside was inquiring on if the offices would be getting painted. Riverside is working to order trim for each office and need to know the color. The board would like to wait on painting.

There is a new employee in the social services office who would like to paint the office. The board will allow the employee to paint the office but the county will not be helping out financially to get it painted.

Shane Wallock – the toilets in the courthouse do not flush properly. Wallock thinks the toilets need to be snaked. Anderson will call Louis Jodsas to have the toilets looked at. If he is not able, he will call Shane Wallock.

Olerud left at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on July 1, 2025 were reviewed. Anderson moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the commission minutes from July 1, 2025 with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

Commission Audit Listing in the amount of $162,145.21 were reviewed. Olson moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the commission audit listing in the amount $162,145.21. All aye. Motion carried.

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| ASCHE, HOLLIE | 259.00 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN | 102.50 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY | 213.50 |
| JONES, CHELSEY | 81.00 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN | 193.20 |
| WELTON, BRENNA | 542.20 |
| WILTSE,CAYLA | 320.55 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN | 207.90 |
| BANKNORTH | 120.00 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 300.00 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC. | 11,908.56 |
| CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT | 1,868.48 |
| CIVICPLUS LLC | 1,543.11 |
| COLE PAPER INC. | 188.40 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS | 19,646.35 |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHOLOGY | 3,117.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 1,183.63 |
| END OF THE WOODS TASK FORCE | 10,000.00 |
| FARMERS UNION INSURANCE | 12,750.00 |
| FAT MAN TRASH | 220.50 |
| GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES, INC | 1,063.08 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 99.07 |
| HEFTY SEED COMPANY | 5,371.25 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 2,111.80 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 11,747.45 |
| LESMEISTER GRAVEL | 53,417.20 |
| LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER | 515.61 |
| LISBON BODY SHOP | 892.14 |
| LYNN JOHNSON LOCK & KEY SERVICE | 90.97 |
| LYONS,DARRIN | 750.00 |
| LYONS,ETHAN | 750.00 |
| LYONS,GRANT | 750.00 |
| LYONS,RYAN | 750.00 |
| NDACTVSO | 340.00 |
| OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL | 240.00 |
| PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT | 1,000.00 |
| QUAL, ANGELA | 250.00 |
| QUAM, RANDY | 750.00 |
| RANSOM COUNTY SADD CHAPTER | 500.00 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS | 1,615.00 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT | 1,000.00 |
| SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT | 689.37 |
| TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS | 90.00 |
| VANGUARD APPRAISALS | 12,000.00 |
| VESTIS | 225.37 |
| WALK-N-ROLL | 82.40 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 238.62 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC. | 50.00 |
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| Total | 162,145.21 |

Resolution for bid approval on the McRitchie bridge was presented. McRitchie Bridge is fully funded by federal and state grants. Bishop moved to approve the bid from Industrial Builders for 1,933,739.69 seconded by Olson. All aye. Motion carried.

Saddle up for St. Jude kids submitted a local gaming permit along with the appropriate fee for a raffle. Olson moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the permit. All aye. Motion carried.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church submitted a local gaming permit along with the appropriate fee. Anderson moved, seconded by Bishop pending date change. All aye. Motion carried.

Anderson provided an updated on the west Qual Road. Schultz reviewed with DOT. A four way stop and reduced speed limit were put up and the gravel company will water the road. Everyone is happy with the arrangement.

Banking – will be decided what to do at the next budget meeting. Commission will need to review on their own and make a decision.

Scott Smyth – Flex funding is open until September 1st and Smyth is looking for ideas of what the board would like to apply for. Discussion was had they would like to apply to get the Milnor Road paved and apply to have the Hock bridge rehabbed or replaced. Olson made a motion to apply for 100% funding for Milnor Road with flex funds. Anderson seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Lisbon’s road haul road/flex funding grant (130th Avenue/County Road 6) the board would like to cancel the project. Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to release funds allocated for the Lisbon Road haul 130th Avenue County Road 6 project to the NDDOT. Roll call: Bishop – yes. Olson – yes, Anderson – yes, Schwab – yes. Motion carried.

Smyth let the board know there is still a bill for the Anslem bridge that needs to be paid. It is an 80/20 split with the NDDOT.

Locker for courtroom was suggested at a security meeting. Cell phones are not allowed in the courtroom. Heather Bergemann would like the county to purchase a multi compartment lock box and install in the building so people entering the court room can secure their phones.

Olerud returned at 11:25 a.m.

Fuel Tank – Olerud has a fuel tank like what Adam Schultz is looking to purchase for the county shop. Olerud would be interested in trading his current 2000-gallon tank for bridge planks. The cost would be $1500 for the tank with the pump. Anderson moved to purchase a 2000-gallon tank for $1500 with a pump included from Neil Olerud. Bishop seconded. Olerud abstained. All aye. Motion carried.

Dry Hollow requested the street be swept for an upcoming memorial run. The total bill is $312.50 which includes two guys, 3 pieces of equipment for 2.5 hours at $125 per hour.

Cattleman’s submitted a liquor and beer license for an offsite two-day event within the county. Gentzkow checked with the state on how to transfer a city license to the county for a certain time period. They will also need a state license. Anderson moved. Seconded by Olson to approve the offsite permit for 2 days and charge $5 for the county transfer license. All aye. Motion carried.

Olerud moved, seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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