

Ransom County Commission

RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		
Regular Meeting – December 3, 2024		
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Kevin Bishop. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Todd Anderson, Neil Olerud, Sye Olson, and Kevin Bishop. Along with Auditor Nicole Gentzkow, and Lynn Kaspari from the Ransom County Gazette. Absent: Greg Schwab.		
Agenda – was reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda. All aye. Motion carried.		
Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on November 19, 2024 were reviewed. Olerud moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Olson. All aye. Motion carried.		
Manual warrants - in the amount of \$14,518.16 were reviewed by the board. Olerud moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the manual warrants in the amount of \$14,518.16 It was discussed to let the tax on Brian Zimprich's out of state travel ride this time, but in the future, it will need to be paid back by Zimprich. It was also mentioned again that out of state travel needs to be approved by the board before travel occurs. All aye. Motion carried.		
MARCO	211.16	
MARCO	10.00	
LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.		
267.81		
MARCO		162.22
OTTER TAIL POWER CO		246.54
MARCO		303.86
MARCO		10.00
MARCO		0.79
OTTER TAIL POWER CO		917.95
LISBON, CITY OF		39.50
LISBON, CITY OF		173.51
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		28.29
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		52.89
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		42.41
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		47.84
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		41.24
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		29.59
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		36.13
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		43.25
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		22.01
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		10.00
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		22.10
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		51.15
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		44.13
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		44.64
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		46.36
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		40.94
BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES		99.00
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	9,784.18	
OTTER TAIL POWER CO		35.12
SOUTHEAST WATER USERS		51.25
OTTER TAIL POWER CO		38.41
MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS		678.46
MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS		10.00
MARCO		133.96
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP		176.13
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP		41.33
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP		5.00
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP		48.29
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP		223.44
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP		133.92
LISBON, CITY OF		66.50
LISBON, CITY OF		16.00
Total		14,487.30
Commission Audit Listing – in the amount of \$171,314.79 were reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Olson to approve the commission audit listing in the amount of \$171,314.79. All aye. Motion carried.		
BRISS,MICHAELA		180.00
GILBERT, CONNIE		45.56
GONZALEZ, JORGE		189.95
HAECHEHL, TERESA		675.00
KUEHN, WARD		875.00
OLERUD, NEIL		68.34
REINKE, JOSEPH		657.00
AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES		1,397.96
BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER		3,100.00
BEAR CREEK GRAVEL		232.65
BRENT GREGOR		750.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS		2,194.02
DAKOTA PAPER COMPANY		264.79
FIRST MEDIC		AMBULANCE
		6,250.00
GARRYS GARAGE DOOR		900.00
GREGOR, ANISSA		750.00
GREGOR, TY		750.00
GRIGGS, JEROME		750.00
GRIGGS, JOAYNE		559.00
GRIGGS, WESLEY		430.08
INFORMATION SYSTEMS CORPORATION		
25,728.24		
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.		210.60
K & S CARPET CLEANERS		358.30
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	107,525.45	
KOTACO		3,632.83
LESMEISTER GRAVEL		4,713.76
MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME		207.71
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES		450.00
NDACO RESOURCES GROUP		255.00
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL-1250		
1,650.00		

RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE	2,968.16
SCHWAB, GREG	200.00
ST FRANCIS HEALTHCARE CAMPUS	
TEAL'S MARKET	1,441.04
VESTIS	6.98
WILKIN COUNTY JAIL	162.06
Total	785.31
	171,314.79
Alison and Andrew from Cass County Electric appeared before the board to discuss the delinquent utility bill in the City of Elliott. Alison and Andrew let the board know that the street lights will be torn out of Elliott on main street and in yards if residence don't take the bill over. Olerud moved, seconded by Olson to use general funds from interest to pay the City of Elliott's past due utility bill, the county will try to get the money from the City of Elliott at a later time. The board decided to pay for the past due utility bill for the safety aspect on the county road. All aye. Motion carried.	
Brian Orn, from Garrison Diversion, Steve Burian from Burian Consultants appeared before the board to answer any questions they may have on the new water pipeline being built for commercial infrastructure. The pipeline construction start date is 2032, completion date is 2042, it has been designed for drought protection through 2075. The pipeline is for commercial grade water only, it will not be drinkable water. If Ransom County were to sign the memoranda of commitment the first payment will be due in 2028. If at anytime Ransom County were to change their mind, Fargo or Grand Forks would be willing to buy Ransom County's share. No decision was made.	
Heather Bergemann appeared before the board with Chris Iverson from the Fargo Courts Division to discuss plans for the court room improvement grant application. Bergemann would like to see the courtroom flipped around so the Judge does not have to walk through the people he is prosecuting. Bergemann would also like to add a door from the Clerk of Court vault/storage room into the courtroom to add a more secure entrance for the judge. Iverson let the board know the court administration would pay for court staff chairs, technology, and wiring. However, this was not submitted in the current budget, and the state follows biennial budgets, so they could request for the next biennium. Bergemann suggested applying for the install of the door on this grant application and then applying next year to flip the court room. The rough quote to install a door from clerk of court to the court room is \$4785. Olerud moved, seconded by Anderson to have Bergemann go ahead and apply to have a door installed pending approval from the state Historical Preservation Office. All aye. Motion carried.	
Fallon Kelly appeared before the board to let them know he has an employee retiring and he would like permission to hire a new employee and have 1 month training with the current employee. Anderson moved, seconded by Olson to allow Fallon Kelly a month of overlap for training since this has been allowed in other offices in the past. All aye. Motion carried.	
City of Elliott was discussed with Fallon Kelly. Kelly let the board know they city will indefinitely be a city until they dissolve. Kelly can look into the process of how they can dissolve, however this needs to be done by city residents. The county can not do it for them.	
Scott Smyth appeared before the board to let them know there are no updates on the Flex funding project. The Engleval and Sheldon Road paving projects are complete, the county can expect a bill around \$800,000.	
The commission, Nicole Gentzkow, and Randy Gallagher then watched the yearly required work force safety video.	
Liquor and beer licenses were submitted along with the appropriate fee for Stiklestad Lodge and Silver Prairie Saloon. A beer license and appropriate fee was submitted for the Sand Dune Saloon. Olson moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the liquor and beer license pending taxes have been paid. Olerud abstained from the vote. Anderson, Olson, and Bishop were in favor. Motion carried.	
McLeod Agriculture 4H Club submitted a local gaming permit along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved, seconded by Olson to approve the local gaming permit. All aye. Motion carried.	
Health insurance was discussed once again, Gentzkow is not sure the county can afford to cover the 19.1% increase. No changes were made.	
Pers Public Safety Retirement Plan was discussed in 2026 the required amount is 19.27% for law enforcement. Currently the county is paying all of pers retirement.	
With nothing more to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.	
ATTEST: Nicole R. Gentzkow Ransom County Auditor Kevin Bishop, Chairman Ransom County Commission	
Publish: January 20, 2025	

Ransom County Commission

RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		
December 17, 2024		
The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Kevin Bishop. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Todd Anderson, Sye Olson, Greg Schwab, and Kevin Bishop. Along with Auditor Nicole Gentzkow, and Lynn Kaspari from the Ransom County Gazette. Absent: Neil Olerud.		
Agenda – was reviewed. Gentzkow asked to add construction of front offices to the agenda. Schwab moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the agenda with the addition. All aye. Motion carried.		
Gentzkow was asked to look for the agreement between NDSU and the County to the board. Discussion was had.		
Minutes from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on December 3, 2024 were reviewed. Anderson moved, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes with corrections. All aye. Motion carried.		
Bills – commission audit listing in the amount of \$182,564.16 were reviewed. Schwab moved, seconded by Olson to approve the commission audit listing in the amount of \$182,564.16. All aye. Motion carried.		
ASCHE, HOLLIE		48.24
GALLAGHER, RANDY		658.36
GILBERT, KIRSTEN		50.00
HEGLE, KELSEY		120.60
HOPKINS, ROBERTA PO BOX 950		67.50
JONES, CHELSEY		53.60
KELLY, FALLON M.		1,063.23
LARSON, MEGHAN		166.16
LISBON, CITY OF		68.90
REINKE, JOSEPH		95.00
SYDNA TOWNSHIP	8,290.05	
WEIDNER,SAMANTHA		28.46
WELTON, BRENNIA		223.50
WILTSE,CAYLA		321.60
ANDERSON,CODY		4,575.00
CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC.		5,553.24
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP		485.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS		3,087.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY		
3,031.00		
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS		88.00
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		
22,546.47		
DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.		
1,101.55		
FARMERS UNION INSURANCE		29.00
GORDY'S GRILL & FILL		21.45
HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.		211.44
HENRICKS, TYLER		100.00
IDEAL ENERGY LLC		11,856.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.		2,186.45
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC		92,430.92
KRUEGER, DWIGHT H		125.00
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY		535.40
LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER		98.31
LISBON TRUE VALUE		330.05
MEDTOX LABORATORIES, INC.		23.64
MLGC		569.88
ND ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250		1,650.00
ND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ASSOC		600.00
NORIDIAN HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS, LLC		692.46
OTTER TAIL POWER CO		172.96
PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT		400.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.		2,130.75
RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE		54.76
RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO		2,808.48
RECORD KEEPERS, LLC		55.00
RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS		
2,550.00		
SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT		645.05
SAXERUD, MORRIS		125.00
TANYA WIELER		1,500.00
TOBACCO FREE NORTH DAKOTA		2,000.00
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS		173.75
TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS		479.83
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.		4,252.14
WELL, WESLEY		125.00
WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE		1,338.90
WESTERN PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH		155.00
WEX HEALTH, INC.		50.00
XTREME PRODUCTS		65.08
5:9 WOODWORKS		300.00
Total		182,564.16
Scott Smyth with KLJ appeared before the board to discuss adding a sidewalk/bike path in the city of Fort Ransom going to the state park. Smyth let the board know they could apply for flex funding grant through the NDDOT. The flex funding grant is 100% funded by NDDOT. The county could also apply for the transportation alternative grant which would be an 80/20 split. A rough estimate on cost for the sidewalk/ bike path is around \$500,000 - \$750,000. If the grants were approved the dollars would be		

available for construction in 2026. Smyth let the board know a change order was submitted for the Anslem Bridge due to the additional piling found in the river which added days and cost. Smyth felt the contractor was very forgiving of the charges on the change order, and there shouldn't be any issues getting it through NDDOT Bridge Division.		
Fort Ransom Sod Busters submitted a grant application from the Ransom County Park Board funds for the construction of 2 people haulers. Anderson moved, seconded by Schwab to approve a grant in the amount of \$2500. All aye. Motion carried.		
Jay Anderson and Steve Burian appeared before the board to answer any questions regarding the Red River Water Supply Project.		
A local gaming permit for Riding for Dreams was handed in to the auditor's office along with the appropriate fee on December 4th for a raffle in McLeod on December 7, 2024. The board approved the local gaming permit over the phone.		
Credit Card policy was discussed. Kevin Bishop who is the portfolio holder for the extension office will go over the policy with the office.		
Policy Handbook – topics of travel, meal, and taxes will be policies looked in and added.		
Construction on the front of offices was discussed. The board decided they would like bids submitted before any more work is done.		
Elliott City – Fallon Kelly, States Attorney let the board know he did some research on how to dissolve the City of Elliott. Kelly will work on setting something up to help get the process rolling.		
Anderson moved, seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.		
ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM		31,668.18
NDPERS,GROUP LIFE INSURANCE		852.34
OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER		
964.00		
ASSURITY		403.05
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH DAKOTA		58,583.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE		
288.46		
COMPANION LIFE		2,480.60
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS,-PEBSCO		9,759.16
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA		345.00
WEX HEALTH, INC.		1,465.17
PORT RANSOM SODBUSTERS		2,500.00
Total		109,309.46
ATTEST: Nicole R. Gentzkow Ransom County Auditor Kevin Bishop, Chairman Ransom County Commission		
Publish: January 20, 2025		
Notice to Creditors		
Probate No.: 37-2025-PR-00002		
Fallon M. Kelly (I.D. #05966) Email: fkelly@drtel.net JONES and KELLY, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, P.C. P. o. Box 391 Lisbon, ND 58054-0391 Telephone: 701/683-4123 Attorneys for Estate		
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RANSOM, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA In the Matter of the Estate of <b>LORRAINE J. HILDE</b> , Deceased.		
NOTICE TO CREDITORS		
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to JOSEPH M. JOHNSON, personal representative of the estate, at 124 Bluff St. Fort Ransom, ND 58033 or filed with the Court. Dated this 31st day of Dec. 2024		
/s/ Joseph Johnson		
Fallon M. Kelly JONES and KELLY, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, P.C. P. o. Box 391 Lisbon, ND 58054-0391 Telephone: 701/683-4123 Email: fkelly@drtel.net		
Publish: Jan 13, 20, 27, 2025		

Notice of Application

NOTICE OF APPLICATION	
APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION OF WATER FROM GROUND WATER	
TAKE NOTICE that PFINGSTEN, LEON, SHELDON, ND, has submitted Water Permit Application No. 7388 to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources for a permit to divert and appropriate water from ground water.	
The application requests an annual appropriation of 298.0 acre-feet of water for Irrigation use at a pumping rate of 1,800 gallons per minute, utilizing point(s) of diversion located in the SW1/4 and SE1/4 of Section 26, Township 134 N., Range 055 W., Ransom County, for the purpose of irrigating 149.0 acres in the SW1/4 and 148.8 acres in the SE1/4 both of Section 26, Township 134 N., Range 055 W..	
TAKE NOTICE that written comments regarding the proposed appropriation must be filed in the Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262, by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 12 day of February 2025. The Department of Water Resources shall consider all written comments received and prepare a recommended decision which will be provided to the applicant and any person who filed written comments. Those persons may file additional comments with the Department of Water Resources, request an adjudicative proceeding on the application, or both.	
Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 20, 2024.	
/s/	John Paczkowski, P.E. State Engineer Department of Water Resources 1200 Memorial Highway Bismarck, ND 58504-5262
Publish: January 13 & 20, 2025	

**ABBREVIATED  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
AMEND AND ADOPT  
ADMINSTRATIVE RULES  
RELATING TO STANDARDS  
OF WATER QUALITY**  
North Dakota Department of  
Environmental Quality  
is soliciting views and will hold a  
public hearing on the N.D. Admin.  
Code 33.1-16-02.1 at:  
**ND Dept. of  
Environmental Quality  
4201 Normandy Street  
Bismarck, ND  
58503-1324  
March 17th, 2025  
5:00 p.m. CT**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting views and holding a hearing relating to the Standards of Quality for Waters of the State, N.D. Administrative Code Chapter 33.1-16-02.1. This is an opportunity for all citizens and stakeholders to voice concerns and provide input during the review process as required by 33 U.S.C. § 1313(c). The standards may be viewed on the department's website [www.nddeq.gov](http://www.nddeq.gov). A copy may also be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality at 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck ND 58503 or by calling the Department at 701-328-5210. A virtual option to attend the hearing will be provided. Information to attend the virtual option can be obtained by calling the Department phone number listed above. Written comments sent to the mailing address above received by the Department until March 28th, 2025, will be fully considered. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations, contact the Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or [deqej@nd.gov](mailto:deqej@nd.gov) by March 14th, 2025. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

Dated this 13th day of January 2025. Karl H Rockeman, Deputy Director, Division of Water Quality.

**Submit your family reunion photos!**  
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