

Election Filing Notice

**LISBON SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTION FILING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the filing deadline for candidate names to be printed on the ballot is Tuesday, March 25, 2025 by 4:00 p.m. at the Lisbon High School Administrative Office.

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Notice of Candidate Filing

**FORT RANSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT
#6
NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING
DEADLINE**

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the Fort Ransom School District #6 is April 7, 2025 by 4:00 pm. The following offices are up for election:

2- School Board Member (3-year term)
1- School Board Member (2-year term)

A candidate for a school district office must prepare and sign a document stating the candidate's name and the position for which the individual is a candidate, and a SN 10172 Statement of Interests form. Both of these documents must be filed with the school district business manager for Fort Ransom School District #6 by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the school district manager for the Fort Ransom School District or may be obtained on-line at

<https://vip.sos.nd.gov/PortalListDetails.aspx?ptlhPKID=30&ptlPKID=3#content-start>

You can also obtain the required documents from the Fort Ransom School District #6 website @ www.fortransomnd.us under Documents/School Board Election Documents

Contact Lynelle Hanson, Fort Ransom School Business Manager at lynelle.hanson@k12.nd.us with any questions.

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Ransom County Commission

**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting – February 6, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Chair Greg Schwab. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Todd Anderson, Neil Olerud, Kevin Bishop, and Greg Schwab were present. Along with Auditor Nicole Gentzkow, Sheriff Darren Benneweis, Emergency Manager Kirsten Gilbert, Recorder Shelly Schwab, Treasurer Kathie Erickson, Tax Director Teresa Haecherl, and Deputy Auditor Maria Langland.

Department heads appeared before the board to ask who or what the protocol was for the time being while the janitor position was open? Employees are willing to vacuum their own offices and take the trash out, however they would like to see someone hired for the common areas. Discussion was had. Olerud will talk to Jeff Mangin to see if he is interested in helping out, or taking over the common areas in the courthouse. Schwab will talk to public health about vacuuming their building and taking the trash out. It was also mentioned to contact local contract cleaning services to see if anyone is interested.

The board and department heads discussed having something in the handbook so everyone knows the protocol for filling a department head vacancy in the future. Anderson moved, seconded by Bishop in the future the portfolio holder with get a job description and the auditors office will get a job listing posted on the website and Gazette. All aye. Motion carried.

Holidays were reviewed in the handbook. Discussion was had. Anderson moved, seconded by Olerud effective immediately holiday pay for ALL full-time employees will be capped at 8 hours. It is up to the employee to use vacation, comp, or work with department head to make up hours within that week. All aye. Motion carried.

Job descriptions were discussed. Bishop moved, seconded by Anderson that each department head is responsible for maintaining and updating job descriptions for all positions within their offices. All aye. Motion carried.

Yearly evaluations were discussed. Bishop moved, seconded by Anderson that year evaluations would be required and looked at before budget time to determine if individuals would move a step. Evaluations should be performed more often if an employee improvement plan is needed. All aye. Motion carried.

K&S Cleaning, Brianna Gibson, and Cheryl Gregor were all names mentioned to see if they would be interested in doing contract cleaning for the courthouse common areas.

Out of state travel was discussed. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud that all out of state travel must be approved by the board if there is any financial responsibility to the county before travel occurs. If prior approval is not given for out of state, it will be at the discretion of the board if it is reimbursed. Policy will be added to the travel section in the handbook. All aye. Motion carried.

Anderson moved, seconded by Bishop to adjourn the special meeting. All aye. Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:
Nicole Gentzkow
Ransom County Auditor
Greg Schwab, Chairman
Ransom County Commission

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RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE

Ransom County Commission

**RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – February 4, 2025**

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

Agenda – was reviewed. Gentzkow asked to add budget amendments for 2024, Anderson wanted to add township zoning. Olerud moved, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda with the additions. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on January 21, 2025 were reviewed. Olerud moved to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Anderson. All aye. Motion carried.

Manual warrants in the amount of \$22,333.45 were reviewed. Olerud moved, seconded by Olson to approve the manual warrants in the amount of \$22,333.45. All aye. Motion carried.

LISBON, CITY OF	39.50
LISBON, CITY OF	171.03
LIBERTY BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.	
MARCO	278.99
MARCO	162.22
MARCO	225.90
MARCO	10.00
LISBON, CITY OF	76.23
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	2,120.74
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	327.76
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA	14,534.66
MARCO	303.86
MARCO	10.00
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP	230.03
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP	63.48
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP	9.59
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP	47.67
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP	228.16
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP	1,545.12
LISBON, CITY OF	16.00
LISBON, CITY OF	66.50
MARCO	128.50
MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS	678.46
MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS	10.00
MARCO	809.70
MARCO	30.00
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	34.98
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	111.41
SOUTHEAST WATER USERS	62.96
Total	22,333.45

Commission audit listing in the amount of \$90,888.71 was reviewed. Anderson moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the commission audit listing presented for \$90,888.71 and to add an addition \$1500 for Dakota Dynamics for the month of November. All aye. Motion carried.

HOPKINS, ROBERTA PO BOX 950	23.40
WEIDNER,SAMANTHA	22.40
A W DIESEL SERVICE	348.01
AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE	1,540.00
CITY OF FARGO	500.00
CODE 4 SERVICES,INC.	1,592.35
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,275.00
GORDY'S GRILL & FILL	11.06
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	57,710.60
LEXIPOL LLC	412.60
NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON	499.00
ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK	264.60
ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	60.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	7510.14
	12,122.61
PITNEY BOWES BANK INC RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,000.00
RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER	4,470.10
TANYA WIELER	4,500.00
TITAN MACHINERY	120.20
VESTIS	162.06
WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE	1,254.72
Total	90,888.71

Cayla Wiltse and Chelsey Jones arrived at 9:30 am to discuss the opioid settlement allocation plan that must to be completed before any funds can be spent. So far, the county has received \$23,994, it is hard to know how much money the county can expect. Olerud moved, seconded by Olson to approve the opioid settlement allocation plan presented by Wiltse. All aye. Motion carried. Wiltse also asked for permission to possibly attend the National tobacco Conference put on by Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona at the end of March. All expenses would be paid for through the tobacco grant the county receives for Wiltse's position. Olson moved, seconded by Olerud to approve Wiltse to go to Phoenix, Arizona for the tobacco conference if she chooses to. All aye. Motion carried. Jones let the board know that Matt Webb would be interested in being on the health board. Olson moved, seconded by Anderson to appoint Matt Webb to the health board. All aye. Motion carried.

Court facility grant award letter was presented for \$4,146 to install a door in the court room under the clock to enter into the vault of the clerk of courts office. The county is responsible for 25% of the project which is estimated to be roughly \$1300. The board decided to table making a decision on accepting the grant until the board takes a walkthrough of the court room to understand the full idea.

A local gaming permit for the McLeod AG 4H Club was received along with the appropriate fee. Olson moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the local gaming permit for McLeod AG 4H. All aye. Motion carried.

Pat Renner from Fallon Kelly's office arrived at 9:57 am.

Lance Gulleeson with Farmers Union appeared before the board to go over the NDIRF and Inland Marine policies. Gulleeson recommended increasing the liability insurance as it is currently at two million dollars which may not be enough. Gulleeson will get quotes for three, four, and five million dollars and report back at the next commission meeting.

Steve Burion with Burion Associates, Duane Dueray with Garrison Diversion, and Jay Anderson with Lake Agassiz appeared before the board to discuss the Red River Water Project. The board was informed that Dickey County has purchased four CFS of water, LaMoure County three CFS. Richland County four CFS, City of Lisbon one CFS, and Sargent County one CFS. The board let the Red River Water Project board know that they would not be making any decisions today as Kevin Bishop was absent.

Scott Smyth with KLJ appeared before the board to discuss the change order for the Anslem Bridge. North Dakota Bridge Division was able to allocate more funds to help pay for a

portion of the change order lowering the counties responsibility. Smyth also let the board know they have written up contracts for the McRitchie Bridge rights-of-way needed. Only two land owners will be affected, one contract was to purchase half a acre, and then two temporary easements will be need. The board is offering \$2502.40 per NDCC to the owner that will be selling the half acre, and \$300 each for the temporary easements. Smyth let the board know they are working with the structural engineers to see if there is any possibilities to get the bridge reopened. Olson moved, seconded by Olerud to move forward with the McRitchie right of way payments. All aye. Motion carried. Smyth let the board know prairie dog funds should be deposited into the county bank account in March and they could possibly be used for a local paving job. KLJ have the Milnor and Elliott Road under contract and are starting the preliminary design planning.

Fuel Bids from 2024 were discussed. Kotaco and Main Street Farm and Home both submitted bids, however Kotaco has been the only one getting the business. Greg Evenson had let the board know he had worked out how to get the fuel delivered to the tanks. Olerud was uncomfortable with the warranty of the fuel if someone else transported and the possibility of water or dirt being in the tank. Olson was also concerned about if the individual hauling the fuel would be insured.

Job descriptions were discussed. Anderson moved, seconded by Olson to have all department heads get job descriptions for all employees in their office, and make sure they are updated yearly. All aye. Motion carried.

The courthouse security project was discussed. Anderson nominated Kevin Bishop to go around to the offices and see what the plans were, and help oversee getting quotes due to Kevin Bishops expertise in construction. Olerud seconded the motion to appoint Bishop. All aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Cash Trial Balance was gone through. Olerud moved, seconded by Olson to approve budget amendments as present by auditor Nicole Gentzkow. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on how many commissioners could be at a meeting without violating open records laws. Fallon Kelly let the board know in 2023 there was a change in NDCC so if two commissioners are at a meeting public notice should be given and the auditor should be present to take minutes.

Fair Board was discussed. Todd Anderson is a member on the fair board, and Sye Olson is the portfolio holder. Fallon Kelly advised it should be fine for both to be at the fair board meetings, however if budget request come up Anderson should recuse himself.

City of Elliott was discussed. Fallon Kelly was in contact with Jerry Hornseth and advised him to talk to Jeff Leadbetter for assistance on how to proceed with disbanding as a city or getting a special election.

5 County meeting was discussed. Richland, Sargent, Dickey, and LaMoure County would like to have a meeting over legislature cross-over. The short time period did not work for Ransom County.

HB1280 to amend and reenact section 61-16.1-45 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to maintenance of drainage projects was discussed. Along with another bill discussing township funding.

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Policy Handbook was discussed a special meeting was set for Thursday February 6, 2025 at 1pm.

With nothing further to come before the meeting Olson moved to adjourn the meeting at noon, seconded by Anderson. All aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Nicole Gentzkow
Ransom County Auditor
Greg Schwab, Chairman
Ransom County Commission

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STATE WRESTLING

pins for the Broncos on his way through the 160-pound bracket, finishing 3rd as well. Griffin Greenley was a bracket buster, entering the tournament unseeded and upending the #3 seed, #6 seed, and #2 seed on his way to a 4th place finish. Cruz Reinke moved up the podium (and the weight classes) this season, placing 5th at 114 pounds last season he would place 4th at 139 pounds on Friday night.

All nine wrestlers (Greyson Lyons, Noah Anderson, Gavin Robertson, Cruz Reinke, Griffin Greenley, Eli Lyons, Madden Schwab, Brock Lyons, and Aiden Hinkle) were able to get a win at the state tournament, with four finding the podium. The lone senior this year was heavyweight Aiden Hinkle, which leaves a lot of hope for the future of the Red Machine in 2026.

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CALEB NIELSEN

and were always my biggest fans.” Much of Bronco nation will miss cheering for Caleb as he wrestles, but Nielsen advised, “I am hoping to stay involved in wrestling in other ways, be it coaching or reffing.” If reffing is indeed a route he takes, Caleb and his father Branden could make a great duo on the mats as they give back to the sport and help grow it in North Dakota.

As a former coach of Caleb’s,

Notice to Contractors

THE NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDDOT) WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION

of the following project(s):
Job No.: 23690
Project No(s): HES-8-046(036)082
Length: 0.151
Type: TURN LANE, GRADING, HMA, AG-GREGATE BASE, AND INCIDENTALS
County(s): RANSOM & CASS Cos
Location: ND 46, NEAR SMITH AVE INTERSECTION (ENDERLIN)
Job No.: 24490
Project No(s): HES-2-999(074)
Length: 0
Type: PAVEMENT MARKING
County(s): RANSOM, BARNES, CASS, DICKEY, KIDDER, LAMOURE, LOGAN, MCINTOSH, STEELE, & STUTSMAN Cos
Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - VALLEY CITY DISTRICT
Job No.: 24496
Project No(s): HES-8-999(062)
Length: 0
Type: PAVEMENT MARKING
County(s): RANSOM, CASS, RICHLAND, SARGENT, & TRAILL Cos
Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS - FARGO DISTRICT
Bids will be received via the Bid Express online bidding exchange at www.bidx.com until

09:30AM, March21, 2025. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDDOT building on the capitol grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/bidinfo.htm> approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at <http://www.dot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota. All bidders not currently prequalified with NDDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDDOT website at <https://www.dot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

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Requested by:
Ronald J. Henke, P.E., Director
North Dakota Department of Transportation
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