

Ransom County Commission Meeting

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.

ASCHE, HOLLIE..... 259.00
GILBERT, KIRSTEN 102.50
HEGLE, KELSEY 213.50
JONES, CHELSEY 81.00
LARSON, MEGHAN..... 193.20
WELTON, BRENN..... 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 TECHNOLOGY..... 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

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. Ol-

son 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.

Nicole Gentzkow,
Ransom County Auditor
Greg Schwab,
Ransom County Commission

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Notice of Special Election

Notice of Special Election to Establish Mill Levy Kindred Ambulance District

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, an election will be held to establish the maximum allowed mill levy for the Kindred Ambulance District. Any qualified elector residing in the district is eligible to cast a ballot. The polling location will be the Kindred Ambulance District building located at 100 1st Ave N, Kindred, ND 58051 on September 2nd, 2025, from 7am – 7pm CST. Absentee ballots may be obtained by completing an absentee ballot application which can be found online at www.vote.nd.gov. The completed application must be emailed to Kindredambulance@gmail.com or mailed to:

Kindred Ambulance District
100 1st Ave N
Kindred, ND 58051

Sample Ballot
Shall the Kindred Ambulance District levy a tax not to exceed 9 mills for the purpose of equipping and maintaining a rural ambulance service district.
Yes – Means you approve the measure as summarized above
No – Means you reject the measure as summarized above
Publish: July 28, August 4 & August 11, 2025

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Ransom County Housing Authority will conduct a Public Hearing in the Ransom County Courthouse, 204 5th Ave. W., Lisbon, North Dakota on October 1, 2024, at 9:00 am to discuss the Annual Plan and 5-Year Plan. A copy of the proposed plan is available for review and inspection by calling the Management Office of the Housing Authority at (701) 282-3443. Any person interested may appear at the Hearing and be heard.

Tawnya Taylor, Deputy Director

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Lisbon City Council Meeting

JULY 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Meyer. Council Members present Sandy Hoff, Julie Cole, Ben Gemar, Jordan Matzke and Rob Waletzko. Guests present were Eric King, Lynn Kaspari – Ransom County Gazette, Janna Miller, Jon Oien, Jerry Gemar, Jeff Leadbetter, Tracy Eslinger – Moore Engineering, Eric & Maria Overn, Bonnie Mattson and Maria Langland. Kevin and Heather Bergemann joined via Zoom.

MOTION – Gemar SECOND – Matzke

To approve the minutes of the June 2 meeting and June 24 special meeting. All Aye

MOTION – Hoff SECOND – Waletzko All Aye

To approve to pay to the County the amount of \$28,500 towards the sidewalk portion of Phase 1 of the County Road 6 project contingent on: (1) the county moves forward with the project, (2) Ransom County crew maintains County Road 6 until a legal determination of maintenance responsibility can be identified and that both entities can agree with, (3) a public meeting with the City, County and residents would be held to align the design direction of the sidewalk project prior to bidding, (4) prior to Phase 2 of the project, the County notifies and works with the City to align design going forward.

Jeff Leadbetter, City attorney, will request an Attorney General opinion on the legal status of County Road 6.

Jerry Gemar updated on the 902 Forest St house condemnation. Also reported that Joe Aberle is still working on the condemned property at 602 Oak St with some improvement.

MOTION – Waletzko SECOND – Cole

To proceed with the quit claim deed along with the owner of the property at 408 7 Ave E that has been in condemnation. All Aye

With no bids on the property at 305 Rose St, the property will be placed on bids for the garage as well as the contents for salvage.

Jon Oien, Chief of Police, reported that he is still working to get an animal impound process in place.

MOTION – Cole SECOND – Matzke

To approve the police report. All Aye

MOTION – Gemar SECOND – Hoff

To approve the public works report. All Aye

MOTION – Matzke SECOND – Waletzko

To approve budget amendments of \$11,000 for water up & \$20,000 for sew-

er. All Aye

MOTION – Gemar SECOND – Waletzko

To approve payment to the contractor on project 22414, lift station upgrades in the amount of \$14,725.00 All Aye

MOTION – Waletzko SECOND – Hoff

To approve engineering work for 14 Ave E as there were votes of 5 yes and 1 no. All Aye

MOTION – Waletzko SECOND – Gemar

To approve engineering contract amendment #2 in the amount of \$28,000 on project #20337. All Aye

MOTION – Matzke SECOND – Cole

To approve option 3 (East of the River location) engineering work for the South lift station in the amount of \$1,280,000 with engineering costs not to exceed \$250,000. Gemar – Nay

All others - Aye

Tracy Eslinger also gave updates on projects 22995, CO2 tank and 22996, well replacement.

Tim Meyer announced that Janna Miller will now be the City representative on the Ransom County Fair Board.

MOTION – Gemar SECOND – Hoff

To approve STAR request of a 0% loan in the amount of \$10,000 to 5:9 Woodworks. All Aye

MOTION – Cole SECOND – Matzke

To approve LV&EB requests of \$2,000 to the Ransom County Fair Board in the amount of \$2,000 for amplifiers and speakers, \$1,000 to CHI Lisbon for the annual Gala, \$3,760.85 (pending official request) to the Lisbon Park Board for a new sound system at Sandager field. All Aye

Sandy Hoff reported that the Lisbon Public Library is in need of a new roof. Janna will look into Herzog roofing's timing schedule and report back to City council.

MOTION – Hoff SECOND – Matzke All Aye

To approve off-site liquor licenses:

Aug 2, 4pm-2am Lisbon Bissell Golf Club, wedding reception @ Ransom County Expo

Sept 6, 4pm-2am Lisbon Bissell Golf Club, wedding reception @ Ransom County Expo

Sept 20, 4pm-2am Lisbon Bissell Golf Club, wedding reception @ Ransom County Expo

Sept 13, 4pm-2am Lisbon Bissell Golf Club, wedding reception @ Sandager Park Pavilion

July 26, 3pm-2am Cattleman's Club, wedding @ Ransom County Expo

Aug 22, 4pm-2am Cattleman's Club - Ransom County Fair

Aug 23, 4pm-2am Cattleman's Club – Ransom County Fair

BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY CODE ADMINISTRATOR

3213 Scott Carlblom, 311 Rose St – Enclose carport

3214 Dustin & Tesha Rider, 310 Oak St – Shed & windows

3215 Slade & Paula Fitzgerald, 304 Ash St – Cement pad

3216 Scott & Deann Mangin, 204 8 Ave E – Driveway & sidewalk

3217 Jeff & Kelly Lyons, 402 8 Ave W – Remodel, siding, roof, windows

3218 Dave Zetocha, 207 Jackson Ave E – Egress windows

3219 Kevin Evenson, 302 Forest St – Door, window, deck

MOTION – Gemar SECOND – Matzke

To set the price of \$15,000 to the lot at 902 Forest St. Sale to include the condition of a home to be constructed within 1 year of purchase. All Aye

MOTION – Waletzko SECOND – Cole

To approve the changes to the City of Lisbon beautification committee as presented by Jerry Gemar, LV&EB representative. All Aye

Ben Gemar reported that per NDCC a rural ambulance district is required and noted that he will be a representative on that committee.

September City Council – Tuesday, Sept 2

NDLC annual conference – Sept 17-19

MOTION – Waletzko SECOND – Hoff All Aye

To approve the bills:

98445, CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 66.79

98444, CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 268.78

DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS 120.67

98443, DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS 76.14

98442, CITY OF LISBON..... 268.94

98441, MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC 154.32

98440, FATMAN TRASH, LLC29745.71

98439, DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS. 725.83

98438, HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS 118.17

98437, VERIZON WIRELESS..... 380.27

98436, VERIZON WIRELESS..... 125.09

98435, AFLAC MONTHLY K1725 639.60

98434, CARDMEMBER SERVICE..... 8115.54

98433, BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA..... 69342.66

98432

19816, WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE 142.49

19817, PIZZA RANCH LISBON10536 .. 324.64

19818, GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER, INC..... 4214.90

19819, HOCKEY WORLD PAUL KVLSEN 200.00

19820, CASUAL LIVING, INC .. 837.00

19821, CITY VIEW FUEL 90.00

19822, VALLEY CITY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION 300.00

19823, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 18754.06

19824, DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS 70.00

19825, RANSOM COUNTY SOIL 45.00

19826, CONSERVATION DISTRICT FERGUS FALLS MONUMENT CO INC..... 711.00

19827, CITY OF FARGO 28.00

19828, FLOWERS, ETC 75.00

19829, RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE/ 1205.81

19830, SARGENT COUNTY TE RANDY GALLAGHER 140.00

19831, WARREN JOHNSON 45.96

19832, MONTE KRCHNAVY..... 105.60

19833, NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL, INC..... 45.85

19834, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. 215.65

19835, CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG 2862.42

19836, DAKOTA OASIS 850.00

19837, JORDAN OSE 272.30

19838, KRISTINA L DICK 102.20

19839, MOORE ENGINEERING, INC. 293567.28

19840, NAASTAD BROTHERS, INC. ... 145683.00

19843, CASH BOX LIBRARY BOOK SALE..... 250.00

19844, CITY OF LISBON..... 19402.95

19845, COMPUTER EXPRESS. 440.00

19846, LOFFLER 37.81

19847, WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE..... 97.00

19848, NAPA AUTO PARTS 36.39

19849, MIDWEST PEST CONTROL 2500.00

19850, OVERN ELECTRIC..... 900.00

19851, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIORNMENTAL 23.29

19852, QUALITY TEAL'S MARKET 152.06

19853, STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS 42.95

19854, STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS 93.04

19856, CORA OSTER 90.00

19857, PLAINS GRAIN & AGRONOMY LLC 105.00

19858, BREMER TRUST NA 379.80

19859, WALLNER DIRT & SNOW LLC 1000.00

19860, SIGN SOLUTIONS LLC .. 12.99

19861, EASTON BERGEMANN 585.00

19862, LISBON TRUE VALUE .176.79

19863, CASUAL LIVING, INC 57.00

19864, TREETOP PRODUCTS LLC.....

..... 3610.10

19865, JUSTIN JONES 184.10

19866, DANNY GROSS 158.00

19867 ADVANCED ENGINEERING & 23880.00

19868, ENVIROMENTAL SERV MEGAN HOTTEN 250.37

19869, POWERPLAN 92.74

19870, KOTACO 1257.91

19871, KRISTINA L DICK 257.60

19872, POSTMASTER 657.00

19873, JANNA MILLER..... 96.60

19874, THE WINDOW MAN..... 35.00

19875, BANK OF ND..... 0.00

19876, JASON KUNZE 360.00

19877, BANK OF ND..... 42717.51

19878, JERRY GEMAR 581.39

19907, POSTMASTER 247.45

19908, LIDGERWOOD PARK DISTRICT 150.00

19909, HANKINSON PARK BOARD ... 200.00

19910, SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BABE RUTH LEAGUE 334.00

19911, ABC LOCK & KEY INC .405.00

19912, KATHERINE CARLSON500.00

19913, MISSY TOYNE 50.00

19914, TEAL'S MARKET 61.43

19915, SCHEELS FARGO..... 1305.98

19916, LISBON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.... 1165.00

19917, WARREN JOHNSON 357.13

19918, JORDAN OSE 339.30

19919, JULIE COLE..... 87.50

19920, GORDY'S GRILL N FILL.62.45

19921, GORDY'S GRILL N FILL..... 1912.57

19922, BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT 0.00

19923, MIDWEST PEST CONTROL 2500.00

19924, TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP LLC 868.50

19925, NORTHERN IMPROVEMENT 4498.86

19926, HAWKINS, INC. 9689.69

19927, GRAYMONT (WD) LLC. 7725.18

19928.. DAKOTA PUMP & CONTROL, INC. 720.00

19929, BERTS TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC..... 18080.00

19930, CERTIFIED LABORATORIES. 1055.45

19931, F/S MANUFACTURING . 29.20

19932, BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT 114.54

19933, RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE/ 375.94

19934, SARGENT COUNTY TE ANDREW BEERMAN..... 875.00

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm

ATTEST:
TIM MEYER, MAYOR
KRISTINA L DICK - AUDITOR

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