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Public Notice

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL RETURN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Return of the Dr. Henry Hobert Ruger Trust is available in the office of the Trustee, J. Thomas Traynor, 424 12th Avenue NE, Devils Lake, ND 58301.

DATED this 2nd day of June, 2025.

J. Thomas Traynor Jr., Trustee
424 12th Avenue NE
Devils Lake, ND 58301
tomtraynor424@gmail.com
TIN: 45-6071291 (6:10)

REGULAR MEETING, RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Lee Gessner, Chairman. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Commissioners Wilhelmi, Hodous, Volk, Frith & Gessner.

Those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 meeting. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve all general & highway bills as submitted and that warrant checks be drawn in payment thereof.

TRAVEL

ELIZABETH BLACK	28.00
LINDSAY OVERMYER	262.80
RAMADA HOTEL,	
BISMARCK	99.00
LYNNETTE HANSON	22.40
LEE GESSNER	254.80

GENERAL

AMAZON, SUPPLIES	131.97
ADVANCED BUSINESS METH-	
ODS, COPIERS/SHRED BINS	580.42
AXON ENTERPRISE INC,	
COURSE	841.50
CANINE DEVL P GROUP,	
SUBSCRIPTION	137.38
DELL MARKETING,	
COMPUTERS	2,123.93
DL JOURNAL,	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	232.00
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BUREAU, LAKE ACCESS	15,000.00
DUKES CARWASH,	
CAR WASHES	389.35
GILBERTSON FUNERAL HOME,	
TRANSPORTATION	560.00
HOUSTON ENGINEERING,	
COMP PLAN	10,554.75
LAKE CHEVY, SERVICES	329.15
LR ELECTRIC, SUPPLIES	109.47
LR LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER,	
RENT, ETC	95,806.84
LEEVERS, SUPPLIES	11.79
LR RE-ENTRY CENTER,	
PLACEMENTS	4,800.00
MACS, SUPPLIES	102.92
ANDREW MARQUART,	
MENTAL HEALTH	486.00
RELX INC DBA LEXISNEXIS,	
ONLINE SERVICE	181.00
MDU, UTILITIES	5,725.73
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC,	
SERVICES/RADIOS	153,684.75
MIDSTATES WIRELESS,	
SUPPLIES	2,040.09
NEWBYS ACE, SUPPLIES	64.97
NAPA, SUPPLIES	49.73
ND SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES	
ASSOC, DUES	500.00
ND STATES ATTORNEY ASSOC,	
DUES	600.00
OTTERTAIL POWER CO,	
UTILITIES	106.17
QUILL, SUPPLIES	599.04
RC FAIR, MILL LEVY	75,900.00
RC HIGHWAY,	
CEMETERY	7,600.00
PITNEY BOWES,	
POSTAGE	10,000.00
RUNNINGS, SUPPLIES	30.97
SCHWAN WHOLESALE CO,	
SUPPLIES	712.46
SERVICE TIRE INC,	
SERVICES	690.97
STEINS INC, SUPPLIES	118.46
TYLER TECH, TRAINING	9,979.00
ULINE, SUPPLIES	906.99
CAPITAL ONE, SUPPLIES	41.76
WALMART, SUPPLIES	86.64
WARD CO JAIL,	
JUVENILE	3,850.00
WIDMER ROEL, AUDIT	6,000.00
CANINE DEVL P GROUP,	
VEST	2,500.00
LEAF, COPIERS	417.83
NATIONAL ASSOC OF VSO,	
DUES	50.00
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SERVICES	3,902.90
DL JOURNAL, PUBLISHING	727.08
DUKES CARWASH,	
CAR WASHES	389.35
ITD, SERVICES	1,889.23
QUILL, SUPPLIES	914.26
STUTSMAN CO AUDITOR,	
MENTAL HEALTH	512.50
LAKE GM AUTO CENTER,	
SERVICES	155.20
NDTC, PHONE CHARGES	1,597.17
PITNEY BOWES,	
POSTAGE METER	954.06
AT & T, PHONE CHARGES	334.62
AT & T, PHONE CHARGES	975.08
BALCO UNIFORM CO,	
UNIFORMS	512.70

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CITY OF DEVILS LAKE, UTILITIES 750.62

FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, PLAT BOOKS 650.00

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TYLER TECH, TRAINING 5,015.00

ELAN FINANCIAL, SUPPLIES 2,062.93

OTTERTAIL POWER CO, UTILITIES 5,550.33

QUILL, SUPPLIES 52.77

RESLOCK, PRINTING 252.88

THE VILLAGE, YEARLY CONTRACT 3,300.00

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OTTERTAIL POWER CO, UTILITIES 36.57

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DL CARS 20.78

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SIGN SOLUTIONS USA 181.57

CAPITAL ONE 32.39

MDU 791.01

POLAR TELE-COMMUNICATIONS 45.41

CITY OF DEVILS LAKE 167.28

NDTC 184.53

NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL LLC 916.25

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NODAK ELECTRIC COOP 22.00

OTTERTAIL POWER CO 784.38

PAYROLL & DEDUCTIONS 382,362.53

TREASURER'S CHECKS 1,065,372.71

And further that the fees received of the various offices be placed on file as follows:

County	State
Sheriff	
District Court \$6,704.80	\$35.00
Clerk of District Court \$365.00	

Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hodous, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the financial reports (monthly to date budgets & liabilities). Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Beverly Bachmeier, Recorder presented information to the board about a program that the ND Records Information Network has started and it's called Property Fraud Alert. The sign up is free to the public and will get the word out through the county facebook page and website.

Elizabeth Black, Tax Director was present to discuss that a property owner wanted a couple pieces of property exempt per NDCC 57-02-10 Inundated and highway easement lands exempt from taxation. There seems to be a lot of gray areas with this.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk to table any decision on the property tax exempt information presented by Elizabeth Black, Tax Director until clarification can be made. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the contracts between Ramsey County and Sullivan Township, Hampden & Starkweather City for the county to perform the duties of assessor with a yearly fee to be paid annually to the county auditor. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Elizabeth Black, Tax Director updated the board on the 2025 Ag Values. This year Ramsey County is set at \$720.13 per acre by the Agribusiness & Applied Economics Department of the North Dakota State University and with the 2024 value of \$705.20 per acre which puts us within the allowed 10% tolerance.

Bryan Lang, Sheriff presented bids for a 2025 Dodge Durango \$41,063 and a 2025 Dodge Pickup Crew Cab \$46,832. Discussion was held on trade in vs. auction. Reviewed stats where the arrests that were made from 2023 to 2024 and everything went up 28.57%.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the purchase of (2) 2025 Dodge Durango's each at \$41,063 and (1) 2025 Dodge Pickup Crew Cab at \$46,832 and that the vehicles that will be removed from the fleet and join with the Highway Department when they have an auction to be sold. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Kevin Fieldsend, Co Highway Superintendent reported on the following:

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the payment to KLJ in the amount of \$19,680.17 for the design work they are doing on 89th Ave NE for South Minnewaukan Twp. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith,

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Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hodous, seconded by Commissioner Frith to approve payment to KLJ in the amount of \$3,648.33 for finalizing the TLO Project on RC#3 that we did last summer. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to approve payment in the amount of \$2,037.28 to ND DOT for the 19.07% of the engineering on the 4 culvert washouts that happened in 2022. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to approve ordering filters from Butler Machinery & NAPA Auto to service all 6 machines costing approximately \$3,800.00. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve ordering cutting edges for summer maintenance costing approximately \$14,240.20. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk to have the Chairman sign the letter to the State Highway Patrol to help us with the weight limit enforcement. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

The Engineering Firm that does Benson County's work has come up with an estimate of what our share of doing a chipseal project on the Grahams Island Road (\$143,906). The board tabled and asked to talk with Grahams Island State Park to help contribute toward this project and report back.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to put an ad in the paper for bidding our gravel projects, chip seal projects, road oil & hot mix overlays. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

In January, when we were at the ND Engineers convention in Fargo Jason Kraft got elected to serve on the board. It will take him 6 years to go through the chairs on the board.

Update on job openings.

MR KEVIN FIELDSEND HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL BE RETIRING ON MAY 31, 2025.

The board asked that he meet with HR to update his job description and to get things advertised. The 2 portfolios holders & HR will do the hiring.

Doug Goulding, Goulding Law was present to discuss the petition to close a section line and request a public hearing. Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Volk to schedule the Public Hearing for April 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

John Martinson, RC Water Resource District Board, was present to discuss the Lawton Coulee Public Meeting. Chairman Gessner forgot to mention so told him to pick a date. Daniel Howell, States Attorney, recommended Tuesday evening during a commission meeting. John talked about Channel A - get answer with final details.

Information was presented on the process for implementing County Home Rule. Daniel Howell, States Attorney, will get more information for the board to review.

Discussion was held on the Primary Residence Tax Credit for Mobile Homes. It was addressed to make one motion to approve all mobile homes within that motion. Daniel Howell, States Attorney, reviewed and felt that it was the most efficient to help the Auditor to make just one motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the following Homestead Credits: ID#39-0804-00051-000 and ID#39-0803-00020-000 for tax year 2024. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

The board discussed the recommendation of the Building & Security Committee. The board tabled until the next meeting so that more information could be collected.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the Amended Joint Powers Agreement for the Captain of the LR Law Enforcement Center. Roll call

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was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Motion carried.

Portfolios

Announcements

Chairman Gessner adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Chairman, Ramsey County Commission ATTEST:

Deputy, Ramsey County Auditor (6:10)

REGULAR MEETING, RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Lee Gessner Chairman. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Commissioners Frith, Volk, Wilhelmi, Gessner & Hodous (via phone).

Those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025 meeting. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Hodous to approve the agenda as presented. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Kevin Fieldsend, Co Highway Superintendent reported on the following:

Update on Grahams Island Road.

Lumber for the salt shed is being delivered March 19th.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk to sign the agreement with Nodak Electric Cooperative for the buried line that needs to be relocated on 89th Ave South Minnewaukan Township Project. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the order of culverts for a coulee crossing in Royal Township costing approximately \$14,400.00. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Weight limit updates

Now full-staffed

Paul Bjornson KLJ gave an update

Cindy Schmidt, Lake Region District Health was present to discuss with the board about preVenture which is an evidence-based prevention program that uses brief, personality-targeted behavioral interventions to promote mental health & delay substance use among youth and if they would be willing to invest opioid funds to support this.

Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to authorize the opioid funds to be used to support preVenture an evidence-based prevention program that uses brief, personality-targeted behavioral interventions to promote mental health & delay substance use among youth and to see where things sit with training. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Home Rule and the county moving forward to have another revenue source. Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to proceed with the proceeding to appoint a charter commission. Roll call was taken and the following members voted "AYE": Commissioners: Hodous, Frith, Wilhelmi & Gessner. Those voting "NAY": Commissioner Volk. Motion carried.

Tabled discussion on Primary Resident Tax Credit for Mobile Homes.

Discussion was held on recommendations from the Building & Security Committee. The different areas of space in the Courthouse & Memorial Building were discussed and that the county needed more space. It was discussed of moving the Ramsey County Abstract to the Memorial Building.

Downey Larson, Ramsey County Abstract spoke in front of the commission giving an overview of the office how long it has been in the building, what they do daily basis, how many

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employees, the people they work with in the building, and which programs they have access too. It was mentioned that they would not be able to afford a significant increase in rent nor wanted to move.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the following Homestead Credits: ID#39-1306-00003-000 - #39-0502-00001-001 -#39-1505-00097-000 all for the 2024 tax year. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelmi to declare July 2, 2025 as Lawrence Welk Day and to approve the proclamation as presented. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilhelmi, seconded by Commissioner Volk to approve the Letter of Support regarding the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's overreach in the acquisition, enforcement, and management of waterfowl production area conservation easements. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Volk, seconded by Commissioner Frith to set the deadline of 12:00 noon on the Thursday before a commission meeting for items to be placed on the agenda along with submitting of bills to be paid. All members voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Chairman Gessner adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Chairman, Ramsey County Commission ATTEST:

Ramsey County Auditor (6:10)

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