

Ransom County Commission

RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting – December 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Schwab at 4 p.m. Members present: Todd Anderson, Neil Olerud, Sye Olson, and Greg Schwab. The board reviewed the sheriff's office Back the Blue stipend. Benneweis stated all sheriff's office receive this and it is a retention and recruitment stipend. This money comes from the state. Commissioner Audit Listing in the amount of \$110,874.43 were reviewed. Anderson moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$110,874.43. Seconded by Olson. All aye. Motion carried.

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| HAECHERL, TERESA | 756.36 |
| HEGLE, KELSEY | 173.60 |
| KELLER, MALLORY | 1,250.00 |
| LANGLAND, MARIA | 30.00 |
| LARSON, MEGHAN | 253.40 |
| REINKE, JOSEPH | 1,797.60 |
| RUNCK, NICKELA | 30.00 |
| WELTON, BRENNA | 205.00 |
| WILTSE, CAYLA | 121.10 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN | 111.95 |
| AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS | 253.73 |
| BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC. | 256.00 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC. | 5,228.88 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS COUNTRIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY | 4,015.97 |
| DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY | 3,117.00 |
| DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. | 142.64 |
| FAT MAN TRASH | 1,113.08 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 220.50 |
| HALEON | 17.55 |
| HENRICKS, TYLER | 263.88 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. | 360.00 |
| K & S CARPET CLEANERS | 2,358.65 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 1,364.78 |
| LISBON TRUE VALUE | 13,822.60 |
| MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME | 6.79 |
| MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY | 21.83 |
| NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION | 16,704.53 |
| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK | 125.00 |
| | 23,950.46 |

City of Fort Ransom Minutes

City of Fort Ransom
December 8, 2025, Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Al Huckell, Andy Devitt, Robbie Froemke, Steve Thorfinnson, Carol Haarsager, City Auditor LaDonna Anderson Community Members: Mercedes Lickfelt, Karen Lickfelt, Gerald Anderson, Jon & Beth Harvey, Madison Schaeffer

The City Council of Fort Ransom held their regular monthly meeting on December 8, at 6:30 PM at Fort Ransom Community Hall.

Carol Haarsager made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections presented. Andy Devitt second. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Robbie Sagvold made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Steve Thorfinnson second. All in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

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| Cass County Electric | 46.16 |
| Cass County Electric | 357.09 |
| LaDonna Anderson | 1,000.00 |
| Ryan Sherbrooke (Sewer) | 300.00 |
| Fat Man Trash | 1,151.12 |
| Intuit Monthly Subscription | 433.00 |
| QuickBooks Payroll | 199.67 |
| Fallon Law Office | 166.60 |
| Harvey Hoenhouse | \$100.00 |

OLD BUSINESS:
Dakota Pump Control – quote that Dakota Pump Control given is for all the pumps including the installation. Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Mike with Interstate Engineering- discussed the dam RC Water Resource District will need to pay \$200,000 local. Discussion regarding retrofitting vs. removing the dam.

2. Harvey Hoenhouse – Carol Haarsager made a motion to pay Harvey \$100.00 for tree dumping. Steve Thorfinnson second. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. The Dry Hollow applied for a liquor transfer for the Fort Ransom Arena Association banquet in January. Andy Devitt made a motion to accept the application. Robbie Sagvold second. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Updated Flood Plain plan has been completed. Received another letter. Al Huckell will speak with Fallon regarding the letter.

5. Received email requesting minutes for the last two years. LaDonna will work on this.
Carol Haarsager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy Devitt second. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

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Ransom County Commission

RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – December 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Greg Schwab. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Todd Anderson, Neil Olerud, Sye Olson, and Greg Schwab. Absent: Kevin Bishop. Also in attendance via zoom: Nicole Gentzkow, Nickela Runck, Heidi Engquist, Chelsey Jones, Brenna Welton, Jenna Olerud, Heather Bergemann, Jenna Hieggelke, Shelly Schwab, Kathie Erickson, Darla Roers, Michaela Briss, Cayla Wiltse, Betsy Greenley, and Lynn Kaspari from the Ransom County Gazette.

Agenda – was reviewed. Anderson added Mileage and Schwab added the day after Christmas. Olson moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Seconded by Anderson. All aye. Motion carried.

Benjie Froemke – came to the board requesting if the county would be able to help fund the Sheyenne Speedway. The racetrack does not have a promoter and Froemke is hoping that if the track could get some donations, it would be easier to find a promoter. The track has been opened for 52 years and he would hate to see it close. As of now the county does not have the funds to help support the track as the county is on a 3% cap and each department had to cut 10% of their budgets.

Bryar Penberthy – would like to trade in his current lawnmower and snowblower. The lawn mower he is looking at allows a sweeper to be put on the front of the mower. RDO offers a government discount and Penberthy has the money in his budget. Olerud made a motion to purchase the new mower. Anderson seconded. Discussion was had. All aye. Motion carried.

Darren Benneweis – a bill was passed on Hwy 200 for fallen officers. Ransom County has one fallen officer

Ransom County Commission

RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting – December 30, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Schwab at 2 p.m. Members present: Kevin Bishop, Neil Olerud, and Greg Schwab. Also present by phone: Todd Anderson and Sye Olson.

Commissioner Audit Listing – were reviewed in the amount of \$155,329.54. Bishop moved to approve to the pay the bills with the exception of not paying St. Francis Hospital until they get more clarification on it. Olerud seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

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| EDISON, HEATHER | 120.00 |
| GILBERT, KIRSTEN | 50.00 |
| KELLY, FALLON M. | 1,038.83 |
| ZIMPRICH, BRIAN | 576.10 |
| A W DIESEL SERVICE | 212.50 |
| AXON ENTERPRISE INC. | 13,345.67 |
| BALCO UNIFORM CO., INC. | 536.18 |
| BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER | 4,620.00 |
| BEAR CREEK GRAVEL | 8,835.45 |
| BUELING, KIRK | 750.00 |
| CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL | 161.86 |
| DIFFERDING CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING, INC. | 23,180.00 |
| FARMERS UNION INSURANCE | 67,998.00 |

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| GILBERT CUSTOMS | 525.00 |
| GORDY'S GRILL & FILL | 910.68 |
| HENRICKS HEATING | 265.00 |
| KOTACO | 207.50 |
| LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC | 1,328.52 |

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| MATTHEW BENDER & CO. INC | 174.51 |
| NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON | 64.16 |

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| ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK | 28.00 |
| ND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN | |

AD DEADLINE IS NOON

WEDNESDAYS FOR RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE

St. Jude Novena

To St. Jude, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Miracles, near kinsman and Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need.

To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance.

Help me in my present and urgent petition. In treturn I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

Amen
Say three (3) Our Fathers, three (3) Hail Mary's and Glory Be.
Publication must be promised. My request has been granted.
Say this Novena on nine (9) consecutive days.

from 1962, Ralph Hanson. The cost of the sign is \$300 dollars. Olerud approved to have Benneweis add a sign on Hwy 200 for Ransom Countys fallen officer. Olson seconded. All aye. Motion carried. Benneweis gave an update on quotes for squads, Dodge came in at the lowest.

Adam Schultz – South Bow would like the bond released. There were no impacts to the highways and South Bow paid the county for what work was done. Anderson moved to approve to release the bond. Olerud seconded. All aye. Motion carried. The board questioned Schultz regarding his employee Kristie Reinke and how many hours she works at the highway department. Schultz said between 10-15 hours with him. Eventually Schultz would like Reinke working 20 hours for the highway department.

Scott Smyth – provided an update with McRitchie bridge, everything is looking good with it and they plan to start working on it again in April. The contract completion date is set for October 2026. The paperwork for Anselm Bridge is in the final stages. The county will be responsible for 20% and the state will be responsible for 80%.

Greg Schwab – the glass for the offices will take between 8-10 weeks to get and be installed. Brandon Schwab will have to come back to install headers in a few offices.

Minutes – from the previous regular scheduled meeting were reviewed. Olson moved to approve Joey Reinke and Brenna Welton's meal vouchers. Olerud seconded. All aye. Motion carried. A special meeting will be held today at 4 p.m. to review the commissioner audit listing.

Treasurers Cash Trial Balance – a few departments are in the negative. The board would like to see which line items are putting these departments in the negative. This will be looked at the next commission meeting.

Beer and Liquor permit – a beer and liquor permit was submitted from

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| SERVICES | 16.46 |
| ND WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION | 1,005.00 |
| OLERUD, SCOTT | 120.00 |
| OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY | 2,057.04 |
| RANSOM COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE | 5,503.71 |
| RICHLAND COUNTY CORRECTIONS | 1,160.00 |
| RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER | 239.99 |
| SCHWAB, GREG | 438.20 |
| SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION | 368.87 |
| TITAN MACHINERY | 34.00 |
| TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS | |

Stiklestad Lodge for the year 2026 along with the appropriate fee. Olerud made a motion to approve the permits pending taxes. Anderson seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Mileage – Anderson was questioning if mileage can be taxed on board meeting logs. Nickela Runck got ahold of Kristie Johnson during the commission meeting. Anderson moved to use Kristie Johnsons recommendation, as long as its logged, no tax on mileage. Olerud seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Banking – Olerud made a motion to switch to Bank North and not have anything at Bell Bank. Anderson seconded with discussion. Anderson would like more research about the banks in town before switching, as it's not just an easy switch. Roll call: Olson – no, Olerud – yes, Anderson – no, Schwab – no. Motion failed. Anderson made a motion to form a banking committee to pursue a change over to a local bank. Olson seconded. The committee will be Nicole Gentzkow, Kathie Erickson, Sye Olson, and Kevin Bishop who was nominated. Roll call: Anderson – yes, Olson – yes, Olerud – yes, and Schwab – no. Motion carried. This will be revisited after the first of the year.

The courthouse will be open the day after Christmas. Schultz will work it out with his crew on when they will be taking off.

A special meeting will be held at 4 p.m. today.

With nothing further to come before the board, Anderson moved, seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Maria Langland
Ransom County Deputy Auditor
Greg Schwab
Ransom County Commission

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| TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC. | 182.44 |
| VESTIS | 2,500.00 |
| WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE | 248.87 |
| Total | 754.00 |
| | 139,556.54 |

Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Maria Langland
Ransom County Deputy Auditor
Greg Schwab
Ransom County Commission

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Fort Ransom Fire Department

ANNUAL MEETING

will be held at the Fire Hall on

Wednesday, January 28th at 7pm

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