

## 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.

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 4,015.97  
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY 3,117.00  
DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY 142.64  
DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. 1,113.08  
FAT MAN TRASH 220.50  
GORDY'S GRILL & FILL 17.55  
HALEON 263.88  
HENRICKS, TYLER 360.00  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT. 2,358.65  
K & S CARPET CLEANERS 1,364.78  
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC 13,822.60  
LISBON TRUE VALUE 6.79  
MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME 21.83  
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY 16,704.53  
NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION 125.00  
ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK 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:  
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

NDAAEA 75.00  
OLSON ACCOUNTING 105.00  
PITNEY BOWES BANK INC 285.00  
RESERVE ACCOUNT 250.00  
QUAL, ANGELA 819.20  
RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE 2,145.79  
RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO 17,652.78  
RDO EQUIPMENT-LISBON 10.68  
RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 3,765.26  
RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER 10.68  
SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT 629.18  
TITAN MACHINERY 34.00  
TOBACCO FREE NORTH DAKOTA 2,000.00  
TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS 494.91  
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC. 4,464.75  
WEX HEALTH, INC. 70.00  
Total 110,874.43

ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 31,480.67  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM 1,082.94  
NDPERS, GROUP LIFE INSURANCE 1,187.00  
OFFICE OF STATE TAX ASSURITY 481.33  
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH DAKOTA 49,954.10  
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE 269.50  
COMPANION LIFE 2,518.48  
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, PEBSO 8,398.54  
STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT, ND CHILD SUPPORT 288.94  
UNITED STATES TREASURY 3,590.34  
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA 556.50  
WEX HEALTH, INC. 1,163.25  
Total 100,971.59

With nothing further to come before the board Olson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. Anderson seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

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

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## Notice to Creditors

LeeAnn Even Even Law Office, PLLC  
P.O. Box 1  
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Bar ID # 06682  
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Attorney for Estate

Probate No. 37-2026-PR-00001

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RANSOM COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. LEWIS, a/k/a MICHAEL JON LEWIS, SR., DECEASED.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Thad Witte, personal representative of the estate or filed with the Court.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2026.

/s/ Thad Witte  
112 Oak St.  
PO Box 756  
Lisbon, ND 58054

Publish: January 12, 19, 26, 2026

## 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 Hiegelke, 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.

Bryan 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.

EDISON, HEATHER 120.00  
GILBERT, KIRSTEN 50.00  
KELLY, FALON 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  
GILBERT CUSTOMS 525.00  
GORDY'S GRILL & FILL 910.68  
HENRICKS HEATING 265.00  
KOTACO 207.50  
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE, INC. 1,328.52  
MATTHEW BENDER & CO. INC. 174.51  
NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON 64.16  
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 return 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 County's 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.

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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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 182.44  
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC. 2,500.00  
VESTIS 248.87  
WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE 754.00  
Total 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

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