

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ransom County Commission

RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – May 5, 2026

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

Agenda was reviewed. Additional topics were added, resignation of home health employee, and county zoning ordinances. Olson moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the agenda with additions. All aye. Motion carried.

Election Inspectors were discussed. Gentzkow asked the board to approve Betsy Greenley as the vote by mail election inspector, Jan Maras per the chair of the democratic party as the inspector in Enderlin, and Lynette Wood for the inspector in Lisbon. Olson moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the election inspectors. All aye. Motion carried.

The delinquent house in Lisbon on 7th Ave has an interested buyer. Olson moved, seconded by Schwab to follow the same procedure as the previous house the county owed and sell the property to the City for \$1.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Adam Schultz with the highway department appeared before the board to discuss Fenny Drive which leads to ADM. The state had asked for permission to haul 129,000lbs on Fenny Drive coming off of 46 going to ADM, they want to use the state permitting system only. Discussion was had. Why should the county allow the state to haul overweight loads on the county road, without any

permits. If the road starts to deteriorate due the weight, there will be no state funding to help fix it. Schultz let the board now he is not in favor of this. The county is already struggling to financially maintain the roads. Olerud moved, seconded by Schwab to not allow the state to haul 129,000 pounds on Fenny Drive without purchasing an over weight permit. All aye. Motion carried.

Fallon Kelly arrived at 9:20am ARPA funds were discussed. No new projects can be added to the obligated list; all funds need to be spent where obligated or the funds will be forfeited. The two new county shops will be paid for with ARPA funds, along with a cement floor in the Sydna shop, a bathroom will also be added if there are remaining funds in the obligated "shop" funds. Schwab moved seconded by Olson to have Schultz secure two acres to build the new Fort Ransom shop on. All aye. Motion carried. Olson then moved, seconded by Olerud to have Schultz start the bidding process for the shop once the land is secured. All aye. Motion carried. Fallon Kelly will assist getting a deed drawn up once land deal is done. Olson moved, seconded by Bishop to get the concrete and plumbing bid out for the Sydna shop. All aye. Motion carried.

Aiden McCarty appeared before the board to discuss a burn ban restriction declaration. McCarty let the board know that Richland County had just issued a burn ban and agreed to march the Forrest Service guidelines. McCarty also let the board know they plan to move ahead with the prescribed burns as long as weather allows and the county does not have any burn restrictions.

A local permit was submitted for Heart Living at Home Block Nurse Program along with the appropri-

ate fee. Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to approve the permit. All aye. Motion carried.

A park board request was submitted from Fort Ransom Sod Busters Association for 2619.00 to repair a front porch. Discussion was had. The board would like the work to be done and actual receipts turned in before they pay. Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to approve up to \$2619 once actual receipts are turned in. All aye. Motion carried.

The RSR board was looking for a Ransom County resident to serve, Tamra Metzen submitted a letter of interest. Olson moved, seconded by Schwab to approve Tamra Metzen. All aye. Motion carried.

Lots 7-12 in Sheldon were sold after the delinquent tax sale. Schwab moved to ratify the sale of lots 7-12 in Sheldon, seconded by Bishop. All aye. Motion carried.

Anderson gave a recap of the 5 County Meeting held in Richland County on 4/29. Zoning was a big issue for Dickey County; Anderson would like Ransom to look into updating zoning so they could have the ability to help regulate any light or heavy industrial. Gentzkow will email Wanda in Dickey County to find out who they used to assist with zoning and the cost. Olerud would like to see if the county can limit corporate farming similar to the Hutterites. Anderson is only worried about infrastructure concerns not controlling who or what.

A letter of resignation was received from Lynn Cavett with the RSR Home Health. Lynn has served many Ransom County residents over the years and will be greatly missed.

Olerud let the board know the McLeod Road is posted at 7 ton which causes issues for his grease truck who empties the grease traps

quarterly from the Silver Prairie. Olerud is wondering how the truck is to get to McLeod. Olerud questioned if an overweight permit could be purchased to allow the excess weight on the road. Discussion was had. The board will talk to Adam Schultz regarding a permit.

The minutes from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting on April 21, 2026 were reviewed. Olson moved, seconded by Schwab to approve the minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Commission Audit Listing in the amount of \$81,926.49 was reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Schwab to remove the doubled-up payment for Dakota Dynamics and exclude the payment for Jackie Schwab until the county gets more details. All aye. Motion carried.

ARCSEARCH LLC 1,995.00
CASS COUNTY GOVERNMENT 4,342.83
COMPUTER EXPRESS 8,090.98
DACOTA PAPER COMPANY 86.41
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS 72.00

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Q 1,956.58
DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC. 1,296.11
FAT MAN TRASH 225.75
GENTZKOW, NICOLE 424.79
HOMAN DESIGN GROUP 8,105.00
LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDE 456.34
LIBSON POSTMASTER 604.00
LIBSON TRUE VALUE 136.41
MAIN STREET FARM AND HOME 112.93
MAPLE VALLEY LOCKER, INC. 1,252.96
ND ASSOC OF COUNTIES- BISMARCK 780.80

ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICA-

TION 29,263.95
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR 18,200.50
RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE 55.00
ROSWICK, BONITA 119.13
RUNCK, NICKELA 90.00
SANFORD HEALTH OCCMED 115.00

SHELDON, CITY OF 70.00
SIDWELL COMPANY 1,480.0
TANYA WIELER 1,500.00
TAYLOR PRINT IMPRESSIONS 500.78
THE TESSMAN COMPANY 485.94
ZIMPRICH, BRIAN 107.30
Total 81,926.49

JP Morgan was discussed. Sheriff Darren Benneweis had called Todd Anderson regarding issues with the JP Morgan statements. Gentzkow let the board know this is a state wide issue. The statements show the correct balance owing, however are missing some itemized transactions. Gentzkow stated most employees had not issues doing the monthly vouchers, as long as receipts were kept everything would come out correctly.

Olson moved seconded by Bishop to approve the manual warrants with account number corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA 18650.73
LIBSON, CITY OF 39.50
LIBSON, CITY OF 26.60
LIBSON, CITY OF 203.45
LIBSON, CITY OF 72.50
LIBSON, CITY OF 77.71
MARCO 339.11
MARCO 10.00
MARCO 170.18
MARCO 5.00
TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS 34.00
TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS 56.00

BELL BANK-FINANCIAL SERVICES 1,340.03
MARCO 235.78
MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS 732.38
MARCO TECH- ST LOUIS 10.00
OTTER TAIL POWER CO 82.11
SOUTHEAST WATER USERS 78.32
MARCO 134.73
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP 204.34
MARCO 229.01
MARCO 10.00
MARCO 128.23
MARCO 26.50
OTTER TAIL POWER CO 397.75
OTTER TAIL POWER CO 2,627.20
MARCO 840.04
MARCO 30.00
OTTER TAIL POWER CO 50.49
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP 55.70
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP 5.00
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP 46.45
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP 237.34
CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP 1,588.26
OTTER TAIL POWER CO 113.96
LIBERTY 291.85
THE ONSHIP GROUP, INC 200
TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS 34.00
TRIZETTO PROVIDER SOLUTIONS 56.00

Olson moved, seconded by Schwab to adjourn the meeting. Anderson called for any discussion and Olerud let the board now public health has something on the 911 tower.

With nothing further to come before the board the meeting was adjourned.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA		RANSOM COUNTY	
CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT			
PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 9, 2026			
ATTENTION! READ BEFORE VOTING POLITICAL PARTY BALLOT			
In a Political Party Primary Election, you may only vote for the candidates of one political party. This ballot contains two political parties; one in each section. If you vote in more than one political party's section, your Political Party Ballot will be rejected; however, all votes on the No Party and Measures Ballots will still be counted.			
To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.			
REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRATIC-NPL	
Representative in Congress Vote for no more than ONE name		Representative in Congress Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Julie Fedorchak		○ Trygve Hammer	
○ Alex Balazs		○	
○		○	
Secretary of State Vote for no more than ONE name		Secretary of State Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Michael Howe		○ Ryan Braunberger	
○		○	
Attorney General Vote for no more than ONE name		Attorney General Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Drew Wrigley		○ Tim Lamb	
○		○	
Agriculture Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name		Agriculture Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Doug Goehring		○ Vern Thompson	
○		○	
Public Service Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name		Public Service Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Sheri Haugen-Hoffart		○ John M Pederson	
○ Deven Styczynski		○	
○		○	
Public Service Commissioner Unexpired 2-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name		Public Service Commissioner Unexpired 2-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Chris Olson		○ Scot Kesh	
○ Jill Kringstad		○	
○		○	
Tax Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name		Tax Commissioner Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Brian Kroshus		○	
○		○	
Continue voting other side →			
NOTICE: You may only vote in one political party's section.			
Official Ballot RANSOM COUNTY June 9, 2026		All ballots, other than those used to vote absentee, must first be initialed by appropriate election officials in order to be counted.	
		Election Official Initials	
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA		RANSOM COUNTY	
NO-PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT		NO-PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT	
To vote for the candidate of your choice, you must darken the oval (●) next to the name of that candidate.		To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, you must darken the oval (●) next to the blank line provided and write that person's name on the blank line.	
Mayor Enderlin Vote for no more than ONE name		School Board Member Rural West of Highway 1 Oakes School District #41 Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Deon Maasjo		○ Drew Courtney	
○		○ Sheila Nagel	
Mayor Fort Ransom Vote for no more than ONE name		○ Al Huckell	
○		○	
Superintendent of Public Instruction Unexpired 2-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name		Mayor Lisbon Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Tracy Layne Foss		○ Lyle Thomason	
○ Levi Bachmeier		○ Ryan Kenyon	
○ Charles Tuttle		○	
○		○	
Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for no more than ONE name		Mayor Sheldon Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ Ariston E Johnson		○ Benjamin Holmgren	
○ Jerod Tuft		○ Paul Carlsen III	
○		○	
Justice of the Supreme Court Unexpired 8-Year Term Vote for no more than ONE name		Council Member Fort Ransom Vote for no more than TWO names	
○ Douglas A Bahr		○ Mary Roman	
○		○ Steve Thorfinnson	
○		○	
Judge of the District Court No. 1 Unexpired 4-Year Term Southeast Judicial District Vote for no more than ONE name		Council Member Sheldon Vote for no more than ONE name	
○ James T Shockman		○ Ron Brakke	
○		○	
County Commissioner Vote for no more than TWO names		City Council Enderlin Vote for no more than THREE names	
○ Neil Olerud		○ Beau Diegel	
○ Kevin Bishop		○ Roger Maras	
○ Jarry Lautt		○	
○		○	
○		○	
County Auditor Vote for no more than ONE name		City Council Lisbon Vote for no more than THREE names	
○ Nicole Gentzkow		○ Yolanda Hock	
○		○ Charlene Rawson	
County State's Attorney Vote for no more than ONE name		○ Justin Olson	
○ Fallon Kelly		○	
○		○	
County Recorder Vote for no more than ONE name		Park Board Member Enderlin Park Vote for no more than TWO names	
○ Shelly Schwab		○ Megan Schlecht	
○		○ Allison Bartholomay	
County Treasurer Vote for no more than ONE name		○	
○ Kathie Erickson		○	
○		○	
County Sheriff Vote for no more than ONE name		Park Board Member Lisbon Park Board Vote for no more than THREE names	
○ Darren Benneweis		○ Dan Holmstrom	
○		○ Meredith Olson	
○		○ Steven Mattson	
County Official Newspaper Vote for no more than ONE name		○	
○ The Ransom County Gazette		○	
○ Enderlin Independent		○	
VOTE BOTH SIDES			
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MEASURES BALLOT

Oakes School District #41 School District Measure No. 1

Shall Oakes Public School District No. 41 of Dickey, Sargent, Ransom and LaMoure Counties, North Dakota, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,300,000 maturing within a maximum of 20 years, resulting in an estimated additional millage of 18.82 mills, equal to \$18.82 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for the first taxable year, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other funds available to replace the existing high school heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, and update and expand the elementary school kitchen and related service areas, and to otherwise improve, renovate, update, construct and equip school property and make site improvements to school property.

○ Yes - In favor of the foregoing proposition.

○ No - Not in favor of the foregoing proposition.

○ Yes - Means you approve the measure summarized above.

○ No - Means you reject the measure summarized above.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is none.

The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject.

This constitutional measure would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment is summarized as follows: constitutional amendments would be limited to one subject.

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 615)

Vote by darkening the oval (●) next to the word "YES" or "NO" following the explanation of each measure.

Constitutional Measure No. 1

(Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, 2025 Session Laws, Ch. 615)

OTTER TAIL POWER CO 50.49

CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP 56.00

LIBERTY 291.85

THE ONSHIP GROUP, INC 200

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