

Ransom County Board of Commissioners

RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting – July 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order by chair Todd Anderson at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present: Neil Olerud, Kevin Bishop, and Todd Anderson. Also present, Lynn Kaspari from the Ransom County Gazette via phone. Absent: Greg Schwab and Sye Olson.

Agenda was reviewed. Olerud moved to approve the agenda, Bishop seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from the regular scheduled meeting on July 7, 2026 were reviewed. Bishop moved to approve, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Audit Listing – in the amount of \$306,420.21 were reviewed. Bishop moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$306,420.21. Olerud seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

ADVANCED ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL	55.42
AUTOAGENT DATA SOLUTIONS LLC	199.00
BANKNORTH	120.00
BIRKLI, ROBERT	625.22
CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL	9,380.63
CAVETT, JON	100.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,375.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	3,207.00
CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC.	706.17
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS	64.00
ERICKSON, KATHIE	265.35
FRIDRYCH, SARA	95.30
GENTZKOW, NICOLE	316.24
GILBERT, KIRSTEN	135.80
GORDY'S GRILL & FILL	5.78
HEFTY SEED COMPANY	7,892.95
HEGLE, KELSEY	149.38
HOENHAUSE, JODY	27,412.16
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	2,157.05
JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	100.00
LARSON, MEGHAN	264.65
LESMANN, PEGGY	75.00
LESMEISTER GRAVEL	79,841.87
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC. .	

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LISBON BODY SHOP	306.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	451.25
OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL	29,227.38
QUAL, ANGELA	250.00
RANSOM COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION	135,000.00
RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE	650.54
RANSOM COUNTY SADD CHAPTER	500.00
RDO EQUIPMENT-FARGO	2,268.42
RECORD KEEPERS, LLC	61.25
REINKE, JOSEPH	21.61
RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER ..	279.93
SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT	530.70
SHEETS-OLSON, BARBARA	75.00
SHELVER, ROBIN	96.75
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER ..	100.00
VESTIS	40.66
WELTON, BRENNIA	100.00

WEX HEALTH, INC.	75.00
WILTSE, CAYLA	441.80
Total:	306,420.21

Joe Mathern – came to the board with Lisbon City Council member Charlene Rawson regarding zoning. Mathern would like to set up a meeting regarding zoning with townships and cities on August 4, 2026. Mathern would like to see if the townships could go under the county, but they would need their own representative.

Bryar & Kirsten – came to the board regarding purchasing a backup generator with ARPA funds. Crossroads gave a rough estimate of \$75,000 dollars for the generator, that doesn't include heat. There is an additional cost for a generator that includes heat. The board would like to discuss this at the next commission meeting.

Charles Grimes arrived at 9:50 10:00 A.M. Englevalle Shop Bid Opening

Three bids were received for a new shop in Englevalle. Adam Schultz opened Castle Rock construction first, bid did not meet bid specs. Mindteo

Construction submitted a bid bond and contractor's license, bid met bid specs. Gast Construction submitted a bid bond and license, bid met specs. There were two acceptable bids that met the specifications. Bishop made a motion to table the bids until the next meeting when Olson and Schwab are back to discuss. Olerud seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Hauge Memorial Post 9067 Auxiliary submitted a raffle permit with the appropriate fee of \$10 dollars. Olerud moved, Bishop seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church submitted three gaming permits with the appropriate fee of \$30 dollars. Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the three gaming permits. All aye. Motion carried.

Cowboy Up Ride Against Cancer submitted a gaming permit with the appropriate fee of \$10 dollars. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud. Discussion was had. All aye. Motion carried.

Next Era Energy – Hutch Floyd from Next Era Energy came before the board to discuss the potential windmill project and to see if the board had any questions regarding this project. Currently Next Era has 16 projects within the state of North Dakota. They are hoping to have a windmill project on the lines of Ransom and Sargent County. This project could open up four to ten jobs and bring economic development in for the county.

With nothing further to come before the board, Olerud moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20. Seconded by Bishop. All aye. Motion carried.

Maria Langland
Ransom County Deputy Auditor
Todd Anderson, Chairman
Ransom County Commission

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