

Ransom County Commission

RANSOM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 15, 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 and Lynn Kaspari with the Ransom County Gazette via telephone.

The agenda was reviewed. Olerud asked to add security for the county agent office entrance to Brian Zimprich's office. Anderson brought up the Docusign for the Painter Bridge. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the agenda with the additions. All aye. Motion carried.

9:05am Budget hearing. The budget was available for review. The board discussed the weed board budget, reviewed treasurer cash trial balance. Schwab asked about the hours of the sheriff's department. Darren Benneweis is requested to attend the next commission meeting. Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to approve the preliminary budget as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Scott Smyth appeared before the board and presented the federal aid program sheet that will be discussed at the NDDOT meeting on October 13, 2026. The Hock Bridge will be paid for with Flex funds, Suicide Hill Bridge funding has been applied for but continues to get declined.

The commission audit listing in the amount of \$64,381.13 was presented. Bishop moved, seconded by Olson to approve the commission audit listing in the amount of \$64,381.13. All aye. Motion carried.

A W DIESEL SERVICE	123.55
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	599.00
ANDERSON, TRAVIS	475.00
AUTO VALUE	49.98
CAMAS SAND & GRAVEL	1,497.73
COMPUTER EXPRESS	4,375.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	3,207.00
DACOTAH PAPER COMPANY	395.88
DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS	64.00
DICKEY RURAL NETWORK INC.	1,220.18

FAT MAN TRASH	225.75
GILBERT, KIRSTEN	50.00
GORDY'S GRILL & FILL	14.82
HEGLE, KELSEY	161.88
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	2,394.05
JONES, CHELSEY	25.84
KELLER, MALLORY	1,000.00
KOTAGO	694.92
L&M CONTRACTORS	500.00
LANGLAND, MARIA	30.00
LARSON, MEGHAN	347.32
LESMEISTER GRAVEL	4,270.24
LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER	569.21
NAPA PARTS SUPPLY-LISBON	43.04
PLAINS GRAIN & AGRONOMY LLC	10,126.25
RANSOM COUNTY GAZETTE	550.63
RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	3,681.29
RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER	301.55
SARGENT COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT	513.56
SD LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE	125.00
SIDWELL COMPANY	12,377.50
TANYA WIELER	3,000.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	1,596.28
VESTIS	151.44
WELTON, BRENNIA	378.16
WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE	25.00
WEX HEALTH, INC.	75.00
WILTSE, CAYLA	379.72
WM CORPORATE SERVICES	8,274.48
ZIMPRICH, BRIAN	560.88
Total	64,381.13

ASSURITY	528.52
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH DAKOTA	50,460.30
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE	201.12
COMPANION LIFE	2,907.84
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, PEBS CO	9,425.90
ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	32,192.03
NDPERS, GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	1,050.82
OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER	848.00
STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT, ND	288.94
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	556.50
WEX HEALTH, INC.	1,991.80

Total 100,451.78

Discussion was had on when Cass County Family planning will take over for Richland County Family planning. Check with Chelsey Jones on when the transition will take place.

Fallon Kelly will check into if the county can special or re coupe what they have into a foreclosure house. Fallon Kelly also reviewed Docusign and the change order for Interstate Engineering. The change order is for additional funds due to unexpected work the Painter Bridge is 100% NDDOT funded so it won't cost the county any additional money. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to have Anderson sign the Docusign change order. All aye. Motion carried.

Southeast Water Users submitted a boring permit along with the appropriate fee. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud to approve the permit. Four were in favor. Olson abstained due to the permit being for him personally. Motion passed.

County Highway	54	140th ave
SE		
Township	Shenford	
Section	29 NE	28 NW

Minutes from the previous regular scheduled commission meeting were reviewed. Bishop moved, seconded by Olerud. All aye. Motion carried.

Bryar Penberthy let the board know the Historical Society representative blew the county off and did not come the week they said they would. They plan to come at the end of the month.

Olerud let the board know Brian Zimprich would like a door added to the entrance of his office. Bryar suggested adding a door for the roof as well. Bryar will coordinate getting the doors.

Olerud would like to have a memorial for Charlie Armstrong for all his years of service.

Fallon Kelly reminded the board they can not contribute to memorials with county tax funds. Olerud is willing to furnish a plaque for Armstrong. Fallon Kelly donated to the plaque. A thank you message for Charlie Armstrong will be put on the electronic sign for the remainder of the year. Armstrong donated 39 years as the county coroner. The board will also ask Lynn Kaspari to do a complementary thank you to Armstrong.

Fallon Kelly asked the board to send a letter in support of the judgeship being filled in Ransom County.

Good Shephard WELCA submitted a gaming permit along with the appropriate fee. Olerud moved, seconded by Bishop to approve the permit. All aye. Motion carried.

With nothing further to come before the board Schwab moved.

seconded by Bishop to adjourn the meeting at 11:22am/ All aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Nicole Gentzkow

Ransom County Auditor

Todd Anderson, Chairman

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