

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, October 6th, 2026

At 8:30 am Chairman Bruce Klein called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Commissioners present: Robert Flath, Wayne Wald, Jason Weigel and Keith Heidinger. Also present in person were: Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Fallon Kelly, States Attorney; Art Hagebock, LaMoure County Chronicle and Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ. Attending virtually were Michael Miller and Kimberly Robbins.

Chairman Klein called for additions to the agenda. Railroad safety letter from NDDOT was added to the agenda. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

The September 15th regular meeting minutes and August 25th special meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve meeting minutes with corrections to September 15th meeting and August 25th as presented, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Klein called for public comment. No comment was made.

Chairman Klein presented road business on behalf of Road Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke. The road crew is currently mowing county road right-of-ways. Darrick has been in contact with Ottertail Power Company. There had been work done with new electric poles south of LaMoure. Ottertail will be paying the road department for the damage done to the road. When CR 60 was painted, the stripes were not centered and painted evenly. This was an error on the company painting the road. The county will not be responsible for the costs of repainting. Seeding of ditches will be done after the weather cools so germination will not result in grass dying over winter.

Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ, reported all of the flex funds have been disbursed. Bryan and county officials will be meeting with NDDOT on Monday, October 12th at 2:15 p.m during the NDACo Conference. The Prairie Dog Fund Buckets are full again. A township bridge was damaged and will need to be inspected to determine if load limits will have to be adjusted.

Torie Piehl, County Extension, informed the Board that October 4th through the 10th is National 4-H week. Also, present were Leo Lahlum and Cole Just, current 4-H ambassadors. The boys gave a quick summary of what 4-H has done for them. Chairman Klein was presented with a proclamation for National 4-H week in LaMoure County. Governor Armstrong has previously signed this for the State of North Dakota. Comm Weigel made a motion to sign the proclamation, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Katie Wentz, South Central Area Program Coordinator, presented material on "Aging in the Community." This is a program targeted for citizens 60 years of age and older. Services covered can be transportation, education, social opportunities and more. Danielle Dinger, NDSU Extension Family Community Wellness Agent, added some details of how she is able to help with aging in the community as well. The goal is to come in and enhance what is already in place; the program is there to fill the gaps. The next meeting in LaMoure County is October 17th at 10:00 am. in the Courthouse meeting room.

Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator, reported to the board on two hazard mitigation projects. The first project was the box culvert with KLJ, DR 4660 Spring 2022. The total expense was \$433,704.72 with a reimbursement of \$524,993.15, the excess funds that were received are held at County level for additional Mitigation Projects. The second project was the storm shelter, DR 4475 Fall 2019; total expense \$187,297.70 reimbursements received \$168,827.09 leaving the county expense responsible for \$18,470.61. This money does not need to be spent in 2026 but there should be a plan in place for 2027 to address it. Engineers will be advised of what is eligible and they can help determine if there are outstanding projects that this could apply to.

Court Facility Improvement Grants applications are open. Clerk of Court, Billi Jo Warcken and Custodian, Larry Hanson discussed applying for funds to update the Jury Room and Chambers bathroom fixtures to meet ADA codes. Grant funds cover 75% of costs if approved. Itemized estimates are being compiled

and will be presented when ready to submit. Also, they will get estimates to replace failing mini split in the court space.

LaMoure County needs to appoint two delegates to the North Dakota State Fair. Motion by Comm Wald to appoint Shari Wendel and Julianne Racine as delegates, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Julianne Racine, Danielle Dinger and Torie Piehl presented the NDSU Extension quarterly report. Racine also said Mike Wendel would be the third delegate to the State Fair. Each of them reported on the activities and projects being conducted in the county by Extension.

Auditor Jan Hamlin, presented the proposed 2027 budget of \$4,372,917.12. This was a reduced amount from last month following the Garrison Diversion mill levy being reduced from 1 mills to .75 mills. Motion by Comm. Flath to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Comm. Heidinger and passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

In-state lodging rates have been increased to \$113 per night. Motion to approve the increase retroactive to October 1st by Comm. Flath, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Hamlin updated the board on election activities. Workers have been secured and a training date will be set.

ND Department of Transportation sent a letter requesting input on any railroad crossing safety concerns. In the past we have submitted issues. The window for submitting is December 1st.

Fallon Kelly drafted a letter for the board to review regarding continuing the District Court Judge position becoming open due to the retirement of Hon. Jay Schmitz. Motion by Comm Flath to sign it, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Hamlin discussed tax property sale on tax foreclosed properties. Commissioners in each district which involves a delinquent property will have to meet with the Tax Director and Treasurer by Friday to set sale prices so those can be sent to township or city of the residence.

Break 9:56 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

The county bills were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Flath to pay bills as presented, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	977.51
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	67,161.00
ALLIED ENERGY	35,247.03
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	750.30
AUTO VALUE LAMOURE	13.57
BANKNORTH	630.00
BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER	200.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	76.40
BEAVER CREEK ARCHAEOLOGY	6,000.00
BECKMAN SEPTIC LLC	350.00
BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MOORHEAD	418.00
BUILDERS MART	699.95
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	13,054.81
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	83.92
CITY OF LAMOURE	500.10
COMPUTER EXPRESS	5,299.96
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,770.00
D & B PORTABLES LLC	761.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,181.05
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	6,976.62
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	993.48
FASTENAL COMPANY	53.46
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	2,604.99
GALLS, LLC	104.80
GLAXOSMITHKLINE LLC	7,562.28
GOOD OIL COMPANY	1,203.55

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HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	2,035.40
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	1,893.99
HOMETOWN ELECTRIC LLC	16,340.99
J&M TRUCK SALES, INC.	55,000.00
KELLY/FALLON	2,897.91
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	55,910.05
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	130.91
LAMOURE COUNTY CHRONICLE	64.50
LAMOURE FEED & SEED	95.00
LAMOURE HARDWARE	341.36
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	856.95
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	1,370.00
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	67.66
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	87.31
MCDONALD-HOGAN/JENNIFER	196.80
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	48.97
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	175.37
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	355.15
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,076.81
PFIZER, INC.	9,191.03
PIEHL/TORIE	266.72
PITNEY BOWES	1,000.00
QUILL CORPORATION	355.85
RACINE/JULIANNE	644.48
RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR	8,255.16
RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	2,032.59
REGENCY MIDWEST VENTURES LIMITED	227.00
PTNRSHIP	
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	34.96
RTS SHEARING, LLC	2,845.44
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	8,022.77
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.85
TAYLOR PRINT IMPRESSIONS, INC	2,509.24
TITAN MACHINERY	55.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	3,340.80
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	6,121.38
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	2,100.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	9,975.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	808.80
WESTERN ASPHALT PRODUCTS	30,492.02
WIDMER ROEL	4,100.00

Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor