

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, September 15th, 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; Darrick Nitschke, Road Superintendent; Fallon Kelly, States Attorney; Art Hagebock, LaMoure County Chronicle; Grant Mathern, Edgeley Fire Department; Justin Fradenberg, Edgeley Fire Department and Greg Schmidt, Edgeley Fire Department. Attending virtually were Michael Miller and Kimberly Robbins.

Chairman Klein called for additions to the agenda. City policing contract and vacancy in judgeship were added to the agenda. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

The September 1st regular meeting, special meeting and Park Board meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Wald to approve all three sets of meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Darrick Nitschke, Road Superintendent, reported chip sealing is done for the year. The road department will start mowing ditches with a deadline of October 1st. Haybales also need to be moved by October 1st. There have been some questions on the cost difference between paved and gravel roads. Gravel costs \$1,837.66 per year, per miles and pavement costs \$18,805.73 per year, per mile; to maintain. LaMoure County has 110 miles of pavement. Surrounding counties have: Ransom County- 51 miles, Dickey County- 80 miles, and McIntosh County- 60 to 65 miles.

Edgeley Fire Department crew members attended the meeting to voice their concerns of losing 10 sections if the Kulm Fire District current petition map is approved. Kimberly Robbins joined the discussion as the county 911 coordinator, stating that how fire and EMS response areas were historically formed and the statues that created current response area maps. Fallon Kelly, States Attorney, explained the NDCC process of forming a rural fire district.

9:30 AM Public Budget Hearing. No one attended.

Auditor Jan Hamlin, presented the proposed 2027 budget of \$4,384,453.00. After the vote of the people, the Ambulance levy has increased to \$485,227.87.

The question was asked who decides where the funds go for city policing. Fallon Kelly stated that if a city wants to contract with the county for policing services, it must be done through a joint power's agreement. The agreement is between the city and the commissioners not at a department level. The commissioners decide during the budgeting process where the funds will go.

Cindy Worrel, Treasurer, submitted to the board uncashed warrants. Comm Flath made a motion to cancel uncashed warrants and turn them over to unclaimed property seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board discussed where to place the retired 2017 Ford Expedition, formerly used as Sheriff's department weight enforcer. No decision was made at this time.

Comm Wald made a motion to approve Loya Dallman, Karen Feist and Jennifer McDonald-Hogan as General Election Inspectors with Auditor Jan Hamlin to fill any vacancies; seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Jan Hamlin, Auditor, gave an election update. All absentee applications have been mailed out and UOCAVO ballots will be sent Friday.

Future Commissioner meeting dates were set for: November 5th and 17th, December 1st and 15th. The foreclosure sale date is November 17th.

There will be an opening for Judgeship No.6 due to Judge Jay A. Schmitz retiring. The commissioners will have the State's Attorney draft a letter of support to keep that Judgeship in place.

Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator, presented a point of distribution flu shot and blood pressure community event, September 24th at the LaMoure Public School Activity Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Public Budget Hearing closed at 10:00 a.m.

Break 10:04 a.m. – 10:17 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>
ALLIED ENERGY	42,703.62
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	255.69
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	311.67
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	2,918.42
BANKNORTH	630.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,864.65
CAPITAL INDUSTRIES INC.	2,533.04
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,784.68
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY VIEW FUEL	51.21
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,000.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,770.00
CREST PRECAST INC	132,600.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	369.60
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	108.27
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	62.64
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	529.20
DALLMANN SERVICES CO.	4,890.20
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	702.49
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	2,806.02
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	1,618.00
FLATH/ROBERT	371.44
GLAXOSMITHKLINE LLC	3,763.42
GOOD OIL COMPANY	228.83
HEIDINGER/KEITH	430.72
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	2,213.25
KLEIN/BRUCE	512.48
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	329.99
KULM PUBLIC SCHOOL	2.00
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	673.49
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	50.28
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	83.38
LAMOURE HARDWARE	348.89
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	86.00
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	250.00
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	199.99
MARQUART/ANDREW S.	108.00
ND DEPT OF TRUST LANDS	95.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	4,556.48
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	1,430.40
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	1,396.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	404.72
PHARMCHEM INC	49.95
PITNEY BOWES	2,000.00
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.88
RTS SHEARING, LLC	20,320.50
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	3,100.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	55.94
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	240.45
VERIZON WIRELESS	296.46
WALD/WAYNE	360.80

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WASTE MANAGEMENT	305.88
WEIGEL/JASON	360.80
WESTERN ASPHALT PRODUCTS	66,137.41
WESTERN DAKOTA ENERGY ASSOCIATION	500.00
WEX HEALTH, INC.	100.00

Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor