

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, April 21st, 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; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure County Chronicle. Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator was on virtually along with one other individual.

Chairman Klein called for additions to the agenda. The additions were Water Board meeting, appoint 2026 election inspectors, museum, and Sheriff's Department. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

The April 7th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve the minutes presented, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Klein called for public comment; no public comments were made.

Road Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke informed the board that his crew has started the grinding on CR 65. The next steps are to haul gravel and do stabilization. It should take approximately three weeks weather permitting. The new gravel pit has to wait on the SHPO (State Historical Preservation Office) clearance before material can be used for FEMA or other federal jobs. A quote in the amount of \$175,109 was received from Jensen Rock & Sand, Inc. for six-inch asphalt patching on CR 60 and the Lake LaMoure Road. Comm Wald made a motion to approve the quote, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

A utility permit was presented from Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative to bore under CR 34 from 34-64 SE 05 to 34-64 NE 08. The application had 34 instead of 134 for the township. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the amended permit with the township number being 134-64, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ let the board know there will be an invoice for \$85,000 in the bills today. There was extensive path work done on the bridge by Dickey and it also included the change order to pave into Dickey. Bryan said the hot in place bid opening is May 8th. There was also some discussion on future bids and projects if Prairie Dog money comes through.

Comm Wald inquired if there are spraying records for county roads. Chairman Klein said there are and that Al Ulmer who is the Weed Board Secretary would have the records. Last year the county didn't have any sprayers, so had to hire it done. The company that came in only did half of what is normally done.

There have been a lot of calls regarding the encroachment letters that were mailed out. The same letter went out to everyone. Darrick has been working his way through all the calls received in his office and the State's Attorney's Office. The county is working on enforcing it now or could risk losing state and federal funding.

The speed limit on CR 33 was reviewed. The board has decided to keep the pavement at 40 mph for truck only and return the speed limit back to 55 mph for other traffic on the paved portion and all traffic on the rest of the road.

Comm Wald inquired what happens if there is a vacancy in the Sheriff's Department if no one is running. State's Attorney Fallon Kelly, said that if there is a vacancy in office, a Sheriff would be appointed. It was also discussed that someone could win with enough write in votes and accept the position. As far as a market value move in salaries for the Sheriff's Department, it was decided to have HR do the market value for all departments in the county and consider it during the 2027 budget cycle. Comm Wald also inquired about how the criminal process works. State's Attorney Fallon Kelly explained the process.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins shared her screen with information from ndresponse.gov regarding the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating as well as from weather.gov/bis/ regarding Red Flag Warning information and forecast conditions for fire weather and the upcoming Severe Summer Weather Awareness week. Kimberly also mentioned that the storm shelter for Memorial Park was approved with an extension for federal funding. The contractor has given a May construction date.

Tax Director, Angela Mahin, attended the meeting to give an update on how the township and city equalization meetings have been going. She said there has been a lot of positive feedback from both townships and cities and good attendance.

There was discussion about going with Widmer Roel to do the county audit. They will prepare the financials and help with keeping up with the assets. Comm Flath made a motion to go with Widmer Roel for one year, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Wald will let Custodian, Larry Hanson, know how to sign the parking lot for customer parking.

Hamlin, gave an update on the Primary Election. She said approximately 2,300 absentee/ vote by mail application went out yesterday to active voters. Ballots can start being mailed on

April 30. She let the board know they will need to appoint Inspectors for the 2026 elections. Comm Heidinger made a motion to appoint Loya Dallman, Jennifer McDonald and Karen Fiest as Inspectors, seconded by Comm Wald. Comm Flath abstained, all others voting aye, motion carried.

Hamlin reminded the board of the Water Board meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. An agenda item is the Boom Lake Flood Mitigation Surface Drain.

Comm Heidinger said Billi Warcken resigned from the Museum Board and Colleen Schmoker is willing to be appointed. Comm Wald made a motion to appoint Colleen Schmoker to the Museum Board, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

The NDSU Extension quarterly narrative will be at a future meeting.

NDSU Extension Agent, Family and Community Wellness, Danielle Dinger, completed the necessary paperwork to qualify the county with a 1% health premium reduction for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 through the Wellness Benefit Funding Program. Great job Danielle.

Break 10:26 a.m. to 10:32 a.m.

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

County Bills – April 21, 2026

| Vendor | Amount |
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| A W Diesel Service | \$2,553.76 |
| Advanced Business Methods | \$937.01 |
| Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. | \$56.44 |
| Amazon Capital Services | \$851.82 |
| Arndt/Tricia | \$400.00 |
| Balco Uniform Co Inc | \$319.00 |
| BankNorth | \$630.00 |
| Butler Machinery Company | \$358,780.39 |
| Cenex Fleetcard | \$1,318.70 |
| Central Specialties Inc | \$85,768.19 |

| Vendor | Amount |
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| Coleman Repair, LLC | \$281.51 |
| Computer Express | \$3,097.90 |
| Dacotah Paper Co. | \$239.70 |
| Dakota Valley Electric | \$78.72 |
| Flath/Robert | \$429.00 |
| General Equipment & Supplies | \$2,121.22 |
| Heidinger/Keith | \$458.05 |
| I3G Media | \$500.00 |
| John Deere Financial | \$138.64 |
| Kelly/Fallon | \$315.14 |
| Klein/Bruce | \$313.05 |
| KLJ Engineering LLC | \$18,044.43 |
| Kulm Service | \$54.00 |
| LaMoure Printing Company | \$908.80 |
| Linde Gas & Equipment, Inc | \$200.85 |
| Maertens Welding and Machine Company | \$290.85 |
| Montana Dakota Utilities | \$69.39 |
| Naze/Brant | \$177.58 |
| Naze/Rodney | \$177.58 |
| ND Association of Counties | \$28.00 |
| ND Safety Council | \$2,286.84 |
| NDAAO | \$680.00 |
| NDSU Extension Service Dept 7510 | \$14,337.58 |
| Northern Safety Technology, Inc. | \$2,486.47 |
| Office of the Adjutant General | \$120.00 |

| Vendor | Amount |
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| Otter Tail Power Company | \$4,396.80 |
| Pitney Bowes | \$4,000.00 |
| RDO Equipment Co. | \$8,874.52 |
| Reklean Equipment LLC | \$1,380.00 |
| Stutsman County Correction Center | \$1,900.00 |
| Titan Machinery | \$36.15 |
| Verizon Wireless | \$423.07 |
| Wald/Wayne | \$387.00 |
| Weigel/Jason | \$258.00 |
| WEX Health, Inc. | \$83.00 |

The next 5-County meeting will be April 29 in Richland County.

Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:01 A.M.

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2026

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor