

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING-TUESDAY, MAY 5TH, 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. Virtual guest was Daniel Romans.

Chairman Klein called for additions to the agenda. The additions were Weed Board, Weaver Trust and encroachment. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

The April 21st minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the minutes presented, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Klein called for public comment; Daniel Romans asked for an extension for the June 14 deadline for tree trimming. He had questions on easements, fiber optics, and lines put in with already existing trees. State's Attorney, Kelly Fallon, gave Daniel a direction of how to find answers to his questions. The board along with the Highway Superintendent are willing to work with him if they see an effort, good faith, and progress on trimming and removing the tree. Addressing the safety concerns was the main objective for all parties.

Road Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke let the board know the crew is working on grinding on CR 65 and digging out the bad spots and filling them in with new product. They have approximately two and a half miles done. The blades will finish their first round this week. The gravel is looking good at the new pit. Beaver Creek will be doing the archeology study next week at the new gravel pit. The first 25 acres are \$1,800 and then it is \$25 per acre after that.

Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ had some updates. The hot in place bid opening will be on Friday online. Work is being done on the bridges in Adrian and Grand Rapids. The Prairie Dog funding buckets are looking good and are expected to fill by November-December. Jensen's should be coming the first week of June to do some fixing on CR 60. There was also discussion to look at patch work on CR 33 and the Nortonville Road.

Comm Wald attended the last Water Board Meeting. Boom Lake Project was on the agenda. He said there was a lot of good discussion. They are still trying to secure funding for the project. They will have to bore under one spot of the County Highway and replace a culvert. The project will not start until next year or later. He also learned that the rural water line is beyond the ditch in a field.

Comm Wald also inquired what the county uses the Weaver Trust Funds on. The funds are used on maintenance and improvements at LaMoure County Memorial Park.

Comm Flath brought to the board concerns that LaMoure Public Health is losing some grant funding and are depleting their carry over funds. There was discussion on different options to think about for funding. One of the options to consider is to form a district through a resolution.

NDSU Extension gave their quarterly report. The main events for Agriculture and Natural Resource are applicator training and the township officer's banquet. They held their first LaMoure County Extension Advisory Council meeting for 2026. LaMoure County 4-H had 29 youth participate in this year's archery season, had a tubing party, and had four members participated in agronomy contest. On May 9th, there will be a Connie Bitz Memorial Activity Day.

Courthouse Custodian, Larry Hanson, joined the meeting. He inquired on stump grinding, fill holes on the courthouse grounds, possibly getting an electric trimmer, and removing green posts. He will be installing the visitor parking signs in the next two weeks.

Auditor Jan Hamlin gave an election update. Her office has processed absentee/vote by mail applications and mailed 509 ballots. She has been testing equipment and keeping up on publication deadlines. She also wanted to remind everyone again to update their driver's or non-driver's id address if it has changed before the election. Comm Wald made a motion to approve the county auditor to fill any inspector vacancies that may exist for the 2026 Primary and General Elections, seconded by Comm Weigel. Comm Flath abstained, all others voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to appoint Brandon Schweigert to replace Rory Metz to the Weed Board, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Walker's Lawncare LLC has sent a contract to provide spraying services for 2026. The 2025 cost for the service was \$25,762.50. The 2026 cost will be \$40,000 or less and will cover more area. Comm Heidinger made a motion to sign the weed

spraying contract with Walker's Lawncare LLC, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath made a motion to sign the re-issued funding agreement for Clerk of District Court Services, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Those who attended the last 5-County meeting gave an overview. There was discussion on Richland County providing 911 System Dispatch for the 5-Counties, the proposed jail in Dickey County, and data centers.

Break 9:53 a.m. to 10:02 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.

Vendor Name & Amount

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	980.46
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	7.00
ALLIED ENERGY	1,331.02
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	336.69
BANKNORTH	630.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	76.40
BOHNENSTINGL/SHANEL	289.65
BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	575.00
BUILDERS MART	55.12
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	13,905.40
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	750.02
CITY OF KULM	84.80
CITY OF LAMOURE	506.95
COLE PAPERS INC	150.99
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,528.98
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,770.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	58.22
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,143.56
DINGER/DANIELLE	411.30

EDGE NUTRITION	469.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	2,747.97
FASTENAL COMPANY	106.77
FREDONIA COOPERATIVE OIL COMPANY	21,236.46
GLAXOSMITHKLINE LLC	506.97
GOOD OIL COMPANY	8,380.47
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	2,857.07
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	2,725.98
HOLIDAY INN	220.00
JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	249.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	5,625.00
KELLY/FALLON	2,897.91
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	279.17
LAMOURE COUNTY CHRONICLE	472.94
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	24.59
LAMOURE HARDWARE	480.03
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,719.04
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	67.66
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	278.86
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	24,538.22
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL	21,876.81
PIEHL/TORIE	516.43
PITNEY BOWES	1,420.81
RACINE/JULIANNE	183.14
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	137.25
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	374.78
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.85
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	239.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	453.64

Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:21 A.M.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY, 2026

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor

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