OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING-Tuesday, October 7th, 2025

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Heidinger called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Commissioners present were: Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Wayne Wald, and Jason Weigel. Also present in person were: Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Road Superintendent; Bryan Tykwinski, KLG Engineering; Fallon Kelly, State's Attorney; Art Hagebock, LaMoure County Chronicle; Lon Ost; Addie Robbins and Madilynn Kale. Attending on-line were DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins and Jamie Edwards.

Chairman Heidinger welcomed LaMoure County 4-H, Addie Robbins and Madilynn Kale to presented to the board what 4-H means to them. Comm Klein made a motion to sign the Proclamation of National 4-H week in LaMoure County, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger called for additions to the agenda. No additions were made. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried.

The September 16th minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Wald to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairmen Heidinger called for public comment; no public comments were made.

Road Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, updated the board that fog sealing is finished on CR 35 up by Jud and also just finished striping. The crew is now currently working on CR 65, trying to pack and smooth out some larger potholes. The department has an opening for an Equipment Operator as an employee put in their notice. Nitschke, presented to the board a driveway permit that would also requiring an 18" culvert at the permittees cost, which they have lined up. This permit is not within the floodplain. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the driveway permit, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. KLJ, Bryan Tykwinski, elaborated on the class 3 barricades that will be going up on the bridge with the NDDOT specifications. The contractor for the Adrian bridge will be coming in next week to begin. Grand Rapids bridge contractors have been going pretty heavy with dirt work. November will start bidding for CR 60 recycle. SRF Funds applications are open again. There is a wooden bridge that KLJ will be inspecting by Victor Schaffer that is in questionable shape. An inspection would cost about \$4500. Comm Klein made a motion to approve KLJ to complete the bridge inspection, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. At this time the crew is about half done mowing shoulders and have four culverts to install. Once these tasks are completed, Darrick will be sending the crew out to start inventorying bridges. Road department also got load pass up and going. Two townships have also signed up under the county and will get a percentage of the fee.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented CodeRED to the board. What that is, is our emergency alerts system. Currently we have unlimited lifesaving emergency alerts, 50 employee spots and IPAWS. The county is due to renew come January 1st, 2026. There has been interest in upgrading the plan. This upgrade would include the following: 2,700 minutes for voice calls under general alerts, unlimited text & email communication and unlimited emergency alerts. The upgraded nonemergency alerts could be used for: election notifications, road closures due to events or accidents, event reminders, and several other notifications. Comm Weigel made a motion to participate immediately in the non-emergency CodeRED for one year, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Lastly, Kimberly discussed the vacancy in the SIRN representative for LaMoure County, the topic has been tabled at this time.

Commissioner Heidinger revisited the previously tabled discussion regarding the section line on the southeast side of SE¼, Section 36. No action was taken. The resolution to grant a temporary

license was also not acted upon. At this time, the section line will remain open. Moving forward, the section line will remain as a dirt road.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, presented to the board an abatement. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the abatement of the parcel, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Secretary of State Memorandum of Understanding, tabled for States Attorney to check into.

Barnes County accepted our \$25,000 counter offer for the Veteran Services

Tax Director Denice Porter has formally announced her retirement, effective at the end of January 2026. The job advertisement and position description will be updated accordingly. A Tax Assessor's class will be offered in November, with a two-year timeframe to obtain certification. Online classes are also available. The position will remain open until filled. Advertisements will be on the radio, paper, website and also NDACo. Comm Flath made a motion to open up the Tax Director position, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried

Break 10:10 a.m. to 10:17 a.m.

NDSU Extension ANR Agent, Julianne Racine appointed Mike Wendel as a State Fair Delegate. Racine will give quarterly report next meeting.

Comm Flath made a motion to appointed Julianne Racine and Eric Lahlum as the County appointed state fair delegates.

The board will be appraising the delinquent properties and setting minimum price.

Comm Klein made a motion to make the adjustment on the vacation benefits policy manual, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin presented to the board the 2026 budget. Total expenditures \$10,536,167; mill dollars \$3,814,266.43; these figures did not exceed the 3% cap. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the final 2026 budget as presented, seconded by Comm Weigel. Roll Call vote: Comm Weigel- yes, Comm Weigel- yes, Comm Flath- yes, Comm Klein- yes, Chairmen Heidinger-yes. All voting aye, motion carried.

Court facilities application, nothing presented at this time.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	65,899.00
ALLIED ENERGY	541.22
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	564.98
BANKNORTH	630.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	77.00
BOTTOMS UP	75.00
BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	47.00
BUILDERS MART	93.38
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	4,604.42
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	83.84
CITY OF LAMOURE	482.50
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,113.86
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,695.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	162.72
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	150.61
DALLMANN SERVICES CO.	5,371.61

DICKEY BAR	75.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,190.58
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV	48.12
ELECTRO WATCHMAN INC	97.93
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	2,009.73
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	26,001.30
GOOD OIL COMPANY	6,230.88
GRAND VALLEY CO	15.00
HAMPTON INN - BISMARCK	110.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,430.17
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	23.99
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	2,216.45
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	485.22
JOHNSON MANUFACTURING OPERATING, INC	418.00
KELLY/FALLON	2,796.66
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	18,785.93
KULM CIVIC IMPROVEMENT	75.00
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	129.12
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	140.00
LAMOURE COUNTY CHRONICLE	443.14
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	63.63
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	262.61
LAMOURE HARDWARE	818.42
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	806.57
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	340.50
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	64.73
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	126.00
MARION BAR & GRILL	75.00
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	1,018.74
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	41.02
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	973.00
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL	20,491.73
OST BODY & PAINT	545.00
OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	3,079.86
PFIZER, INC.	7,363.58
PIEHL/TORIE	399.57
PPI CONSULTING	475.00
QUILL CORPORATION	582.21
RABBIT HOLE	75.00
RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR	8,610.01
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	12.38
RM STOUDT, INC	735.22
SANFORD HEALTH OCCMED	56.00
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	372.27
SD LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ASST PROGR	125.00
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	259.80
STOUDT MILLER, INC.	167.91
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	5,800.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.85
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	246.18
THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	9.80
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	2,040.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	9,000.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	239.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	504.63
VERONA TAVERN	75.00

Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 11:22 am.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor