

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, February 17th, 2026**

At 8:27 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; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure County Chronicle.

Chairman Klein called for additions to the agenda. Comm Wald added township question for Darrick Nitschke. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

The February 3rd minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Wald to approve the minutes presented, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Road Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, went over the 2026 price list. Blading, snow removal, and dirt work was increased 3% due to the increase in cutting edges and tires. He added blade with retriever \$145 an hour. Darrick will bring an updated sheet to the next meeting with these changes.

Darrick presented the Training Cost Agreement that was tabled at the last meeting and has been reviewed by the State Attorney. Any new hire would be sent to Iowa for a three-day training to get their CDL certificate, which would cost \$900. The commission left it up to the department head to implement the agreement and work within his budget.

The oil bid opening started at 8:46 a.m. There were two bids for CRS-2P. The first bid came from Western Asphalt Products out of Canada at \$544 per US ton delivered with a minimum of 24-ton loads. The second bid came from Flint Hills Resources out of Fargo at \$659 per ton delivered. Comm Flath made a motion to accept both oil bids, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Next, the culvert bid was opened. It was from TrueNorth. The prices are the same as the last two years. Comm Flath made a motion to accept the culvert bid from TrueNorth, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Wald inquired about breaking cutting edges on large rocks on township roads. He was wondering if the county should be charging townships for it. Nitschke said that the township could remove the rocks or the county will lift up the blade in the problem areas.

Lastly, Nitschke will be sending the right of way letters out.

There was discussion on the vacation policy interpretation of the 240 hours carry over. The vacation worksheet and the employee time card work differently so do not look exactly the same. There is confusion because of that so Deputy Auditor, Shanel Bohnenstingl, has already been working to clarify to the employees the difference between the two documents. State's Attorney, Fallon Kelly, Shanel, and the employee will meet. If the policy needs changes for further clarification, it will be brought back to a future meeting. There was also discussion to reduce the carry-over from 240 to 160 effect January 2027.

There was discussion that the ambulance services in the county are in need of more mill money to survive. The small ambulances are no longer getting state funding. More research will be done and a possible resolution will be presented for approval to be placed on the primary ballot to increase the current 5 mill to up to 15 mills.

Tax Director, Angela Mahin, informed the commission that salinity/alkaline modifier cannot be based off the same rate of reduction as the inundated acres. Comm Flath made a motion to set the salinity modifier at 20% reduction, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. The County Tax Equalization meeting date has been set for June 2 at 10:00 a.m. and

10:30 a.m. Angela, also mentioned that the Farm Exemption application deadline has passed. Applications are still being accepted for a limited time.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to enter into a funding agreement with the Office of State Court Administrator for the 2027-2029 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk of district court services in the county, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye motion carried.

NDSU Agent, Julianne Racine, informed the commission of some upcoming events. Stop the Bleed will be held on March 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Edgeley Ambulance Hall if ten people register for this event. If there are 12 or more, Julianne will have two trainers. NDSU Agent, Danielle Dinger, is holding a teen retreat at the Litchville-Marion School, Marion, ND, on February 22 from 2-7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per youth and open to all youth, grades 9-12. Register by February 18. Lastly, the Township Officer meeting will be online today.

Comm Wald had some inquire if the commissioner meetings could be posted online. This is something not required of counties. What is the responsibility, cost, ADA compliance requirements, etc.? The State's Attorney will be consulted.

Chairman Klein appointment Comm Wiegel to the 5-County Jail Planning Committee and Comm Wald as the alternate.

Comm Weigel reported that he hasn't had any luck on anyone committing to be on a JDA board. It was mentioned that it hasn't been discussed at any city meetings. Also, mentioned was to get the word out on what is the intent of forming this board.

Break 10:30 a.m. to 10:39 a.m. The regular commission meeting recessed for the park board meeting.

The commissioner meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Correspondence: The North Dakota Water Resources notified the commission that the Conditional Water Permit Application No. 5984 for the Dickey-Sargent Irrigation District was denied. The Garrison Diversion sent a Notice of Hearing Petition and it has been posted on the county bulletin board. The WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. sent a letter of invitation to Public Open Houses for the Bakken East Pipeline Project. One meeting will be in Ellendale on February 24 and another in Jamestown on February 25.

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

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| AED EVERYWHERE | 229.63 |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 854.11 |
| ANDERSON BROS., INC. | 192.66 |
| AXON ENTERPRISE INC | 199.99 |
| BANKNORTH | 630.00 |
| BOOM/KARIN | 1,000.00 |
| CENEX FLEETCARD | 775.99 |
| CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG | 508.01 |
| CITY OF KULM | 125.00 |
| CITY VIEW FUEL | 26.78 |
| COMPUTER EXPRESS | 2,000.00 |
| DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC | 84.96 |
| EDGELEY SCHOOL | 12.00 |
| FASTENAL COMPANY | 141.20 |
| FLATH/ROBERT | 479.75 |
| GOOD/LAURIE | 1,201.30 |
| HEIDINGER/KEITH | 424.70 |
| HENRY SCHEIN | 522.06 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT | 2,227.10 |
| IWORQ | 3,000.00 |

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| I3G MEDIA | 140.00 |
| JACOBSON/TAMMY | 302.10 |
| KELLY/FALLON | 315.14 |
| KLEIN/BRUCE | 413.05 |
| KLEIN/REECE | 28.00 |
| KLJ ENGINEERING LLC | 9,967.34 |
| KOVAL/JUDY | 60.00 |
| L & O ACRES TRANSPORT, INC. | 3,113.63 |
| LAMOURE COUNTY CHRONICLE | 648.06 |
| LAMOURE DRUG STORE | 3.49 |
| LAMOURE FOODS, INC. | 126.75 |
| LEAF | 120.40 |
| MAHIN/ANGELA | 272.65 |
| MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY | 33,023.86 |
| ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | 400.00 |
| ND SACCHO | 1,000.00 |
| ND SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION | 400.00 |
| ND TAX COMMISSIONER | 2,283.67 |
| NDSU DEPT 3110 | 149.58 |
| NORTH CENTRAL INTERNATIONAL, LLC | 3,275.96 |
| OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250 | 1,545.00 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY | 4,823.26 |
| PIEHL/TORIE | 95.70 |
| R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC. | 3,340.67 |
| RAMADA BISMARCK | 220.00 |
| RECORD KEEPERS LLC | 7.88 |
| ROBBINS/KIMBERLY | 31.90 |
| SANOFI PASTEUR INC | 7,908.46 |
| SCHMIDT/CHRISTINE | 75.98 |
| STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER | 3,410.48 |
| WALD/WAYNE | 324.70 |
| WALKER/NAOMI | 68.00 |
| WEIGEL/JASON | 387.00 |
| WEX HEALTH, INC. | 83.00 |
| ZIEGLER INC | 20,856.54 |

Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor