

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING-Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

At 8:30 a.m., Chairman Keith Heidinger called the meeting to order and opened by reciting the pledge of allegiance. Commissioners: Robert Flath, Wayne Wald, and Jason Weigel were present. Also attending were Fallon Kelly, State's Attorney; Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle; Richard Long, Lucas Wald, Tim Leppert, Joel Leppert, Lyle Hollingsworth; and Kris Koch and Todd Langstom with Otter Tail Power Company. Comm Klein; DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins; and Vicky Carpenter attended virtually.

Chairman Heidinger called for additions to the agenda. The additions were NDPERS Retirement for new hires, museum appointments, and solar study. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger called for a review of the March 18<sup>th</sup> commissioner minutes. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the minutes as present, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, presented to the board the contract to purchase equipment through Sourcewell. Comm Flath made a motion to adopt the agreement with Sourcewell, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. Darrick informed the board that the FEMA culvert north of Edgeley bid opening was held last week. Gladen Construction had the lowest bid at \$321,398.76 and the cost share for the county will be 7%. Comm Wald made a motion to accept Gladen Construction bid for the box culvert, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye motion carried. Darrick had a few requests on the setback for trees. Research will be done by the State's Attorney and Auditor and brought back to the next meeting. The Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative utility permit application to bore under CR 60 was tabled. The county is requesting a new application be filled out moving the location.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins presented a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The contractor, Paramount Planning, is working on the project timeline, identifying the planning team, and working on the outreach plan. Paramount Planning will be meeting with the LEPC on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. for a meet and greet. Some of the agenda items will be an overview of the mitigation planning, plan update timeline and process, risk assessment and survey completion, and open conversation.

State's Attorney, Fallon Kelly, gave an update on the flood plan ordinance. The county held the first reading at the last meeting, the notice of hearing is being published in the official newspaper. The hearing will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., and after that there will be a second reading of the ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to comply with FEMA law, so landowners within the county can get flood insurance.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve a gaming site authorization for Jamestown Area Youth Baseball to have gaming at The Rabbit Hole, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. The commissioners would like to encourage local organizations to apply for the gaming site authorizations and keep the funds in county. Comm Wald made a motion to approve a local raffle board permit for Memorial Park Country Club, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

The City of Marion applied for a utility pipe and ditch along CR 61 from 4<sup>th</sup> Main Street in Marion south approximately 6,000 feet to where ditch drainage leaves county right of way. Maps were included for the preliminary plans and detailed description. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the utility permit, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Citizens expressed their concerns on large scale solar, wind energy, battery storage, and power line projects coming into the county. The group would like to see the county do comprehensive zoning to preserve the look of the land and not become industrial.

Break 9:45 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

Holly Braun with Agri Valley Insurance presented the ND State Fire and Tornado's suggested building property values for the county buildings along with the replacement and actual cash value pricing. She recommended the commissioners review all the values along with the personal property coverage, decide on replacement or actual cash value before the July renewal date.

Comm Flath made a motion that LaMoure County contribute up to 15.26% toward the NDPERS Defined Contribution Plan for all new eligible employees, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to appoint Dennis Knudson and Mary Ellen Irvine to two vacant spots on the Museum Board, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board had discussion of considering doing a proclamation to declare July 2<sup>nd</sup> as Lawrence Welk Day for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lawrence Welk Show.

Comm Weigel made a motion to pay the bills presented, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

ADVANCE BUSINESS METHODS	97.15
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	347.56
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	72.40
BEK SPORTS NETWORK	2,123.28
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,314.03
CITY OF KULM	79.65
CITY OF LAMOURE	232.50
COMPUTER EXPRESS	963.96
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	199.75
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	108.72
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,172.35
DINGER/DANIELLE	58.80
DMC WEAR PARTS LLC	9,100.20
DUFFY/JESSICA	252.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	1,210.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	304.68
GOOD OIL COMPANY	216.92
GOOD/LAURIE	498.60
GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP	10.00
GROTBERG ELECTRIC INC.	12,400.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	2,201.26
HEPPER OLSON ARCHITECTS	2,585.25
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	124.92
JACOBSON/TAMMY	445.20
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	205.71
KELLY/FALLON	2,629.98
KETTERLING/JACKIE	144.00
KULM MESSENGER	450.22
KULM SERVICE	15.40
LAMOURE COUNTY MUSEUM	5,000.00
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	962.82
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	612.22
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	5,467.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	70.34
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	10.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	96.68
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC.	2,940.00

PIEHL/TORIE	112.64
RACINE/JULIANNE	187.60
RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR	8,607.53
RJ'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC.	390.00
SANFORD HEALTH OCCMED	54.00
STRYKER SALES, LLC	920.00
UND EXTENDED LEARNING	325.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	278.87

Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2025

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KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
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JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor