

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, July 1st, 2025

At 8:30 am Chairman Keith Heidinger called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Commissioners present were Keith Heidinger, Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Wayne Wald, Jason Weigel. Also present in person were Fallon Kelly, State's Attorney; Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Road Superintendent; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle, Todd Langston, Ottertail; Karin Boom. Tim Leppert, Julianne Racine, NDSU Extension; Holly Braun, Treasurer, Cindy Worrel; Park Board member, Billi Jo Warcken, Remote attendance by Kimberly Robbins, Emergency Manager; Sara Joy Gackle, Jessica Duffy, and two unidentified participants, Jordan and Vicki.

Chairman Heidinger called for additions to the agenda. Mosquito spraying at Memorial Park and Garrison added. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

The June 17, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion by Comm Flath to approve, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Road Superintendent Nitschke brought an agreement presented by Dickey County to formalize an already existing informal agreement for maintenance on the Dickey and LaMoure County Line. Kelly reviewed the agreement and said it simply memorializes the current status and he would approve it. A motion was made by Comm Klein to sign, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. Nitschke also discussed the Load Pass permitting system for overweight permits. The initial set-up fee is \$1500 and the program deducts a 1.5% charge from each fee. Townships could be added through the highway department and collect fees from loads going through them. Comm Flath moved to go for the trial period with the \$1500 set-up fee, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried. Nitschke said the grinding is completed on CR 35 and the machine is still under warranty until January. The county could keep grinding or sell the machine. Tabled until later.

Kelly discussed the statutory provisions in NDCC 44-04-19.2 regarding open meetings and the Attorney General workbook recommendations for going into executive session regarding the zoning moratorium legal opinion. Meeting recessed for executive session at 8:53 am.

Meeting resumed at 9:21 am. No action was taken.

Board discussion on events security and the Sheriff's Office being short staffed. Sheriff Fernandes is aware of the event security issues. Staffing continues to be a concern. A solution is yet to be found. HR and Commissioners have been discussing the situation.

NDSU Extension ANR Agent-Julianne Racine said the NDSU Disaster Survey has been distributed following the recent storm damage. She also said the FSA is looking for nominees for County Advisory Committee members.

A motion was made by Comm Wald to appoint Comm Flath as delegate to North Dakota Association of Counties Conference, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Sara Joy Gackle and Jessica Duffy of the LaMoure County Health Department brought a proposal to the Board to consider another digital access portal using a mobile app like those used by schools. Other county functions could be attached to the app as well including park reservations, road closings, job applications and public alerts. They discussed the fees and will do more checking on the cost and other details for a future meeting.

Holly Braun with Agri Valley Insurance went over the current insurance coverage and changes. A motion by Comm Flath to renew with changes, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Treasurer Cindy Worrel presented the six-month securities report. A motion by Comm Klein to approve the report, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. She also discussed the abatement refund on trusts and the method of state payments. A motion by Comm Flath to approve the abatements, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried.

Hamlin said there has been a problem with the Productivity Plus credit with Titan. Our bill paying cycle causes problems with interest charges. It was suggested to make it a pre-pay status. A motion by Comm Weigle to make the change to pre-pay, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Billi Jo Warcken discussed mosquito spraying at Memorial Park. County Weed board had done the spraying in the past, but this is no longer an option since it is now contracted out. Roberts Aerial has offered to spray three times per season for \$450.00 each time. A motion by Comm Flath to have Roberts do two times for July 4th and Labor Day in 2025, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Garrison update on recreation grant applications being due/postmarked by September 2, 2025. Up to \$50,000 awards with 25% match required.

Agenda items to add to 5 County Meeting included Legislative discussion on 2025 impacts and changes and the Load Pass Permitting.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	16,024.00
AUTO CREATION & SIGNS	330.50
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	63.40
BRINSTER LAW, P.C.	100.00
BUILDERS MART	89.60
CITY OF KULM	84.14
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,800.00
D & B PORTABLES LLC	646.25
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	2,500.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,446.76
DUFFY/JESSICA	136.30
GACKLE/SARAHJOY	258.00
GOOD OIL COMPANY	26,319.25
GOOD/LAURIE	218.60
HAMLIN/JANICE	28.70
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE, INC.	60.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	1,254.19
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	161.47
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	152.95
KELLY/FALLON	2,796.66
KETTERLING/JACKIE	81.90
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	13,504.35
KULM MESSENGER	126.00
KW PRINTS	160.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	588.00
LAMOURE FEED & SEED	195.25
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,116.41
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	64.73
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	126.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	2,029.05
ND DEPT OF CORRECTIONS & REHABILITATION	150.00
ND SAFETY COUNCIL	1,683.00
NDACS	50.00
QUILL CORPORATION	214.39
RACINE/JULIANNE	764.00
RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR	8,607.53
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	75.60

SAYLER/BRITTANY	25.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.85
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	2,000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	408.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	8,755.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	239.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	611.60
VISTOS CARQUEST	198.53

Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF July, 2025

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman