

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, July 15th, 2025

At 8:30 am Chairman 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, and Jason Weigel. Also present in person were Fallon Kelly, State's Attorney; Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Road Superintendent, Brian Tykwinski with KLJ Engineering; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle; Karin Boom; Julianne Racine, NDSU Extension, Melissa and Ray Godlewski, Christine Schmidt, Remote attendance by Kimberly Robbins, Emergency Manager; Jessica Duffy, Public Health Director; Christian Anderson, and Blain Johnson with Paramount Planning.

Chairman Heidinger called for additions to the agenda. Hamlin said budget minutes from July 8 and special meeting minutes for July 8 would need to be added, Godlewski's asked to have the Valley Road from Dickey to Adrian added. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried.

The July 1 minutes as well as the July 8 budget and special meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Klein to approve, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Road Superintendent Nitschke reported on the progress of CR 35 paving, culverts finished and crack sealing. Magnesium chloride applications will be resumed after it rains because it saves hauling huge amounts of water. When CR 35 paving is finished, the road will be repaired into Dickey which is damaged by the hauling.

Tykwinski updated the board on funding options for County, Cities and Townships. The Flex Funding applications are now open and will close on September 19th. One new change is that counties now receive a monthly distribution of funds.

Chairman Heidinger introduced Melissa and Ray Godlewski and they inquired as to the ownership of the Dickey-Adrian road. State's Attorney Kelly said the 'ownership' of a particular road doesn't necessarily mean that it is maintained by that entity. Counties, Cities and State usually have easements so it is jurisdictional control that would have to be determined. Comm Flath said the county maintains the road so it is a county concern. Kelly will research it.

At 9:05 am, the Barnes County Board of Commissioners was connected for a shared discussion on the Veteran's Service Officer contract. Currently, the contract is for two days a month at \$20,000 per year plus mileage. The proposal by Barnes County is for an increase to \$30,000 per year. The current contract auto-renews each October unless either county notifies the other by that time. Kelly stated that a new contract would be needed for this change. The boards agreed to discuss and review again as budgets are developed. Other options will be explored. Barnes County left the session.

DES Manager Robbins and Engineer Tykwinski reported on the storm shelter project at Memorial Park. The deadline on the project is July and Robbins will apply for an extension on completion but several criteria must be met on progress for it to be approved. Tykwinski said DES wants to see progress and that it is allowable to pay ahead for materials that will be needed to demonstrate progress. The dirt work has been completed by the county already. The precast unit would qualify for materials to pay ahead on. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to pay up to 75% of the cost of materials only, with a cap of \$100,000 conditioned on the invoice being received by 5:00 pm on July 18, 2025; seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy briefly updated the board on more information she had received regarding the Apptigy App discussed at the last meeting. The company reduced the initial fee from \$5500 to \$4900 and the annual fee from \$6500 to \$5900. Those prices are good

for the month of July. Annual rate increases have been running 2-5%. Tabled until budgets are further along.

Robbins introduced Blain Johnson with Paramount Planning. He discussed the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update and overview. This plan is mandated to be updated every 5 years and the last plan was implemented in 2020. This plan is needed to qualify the county for disaster assistance. He is on track to have a plan to submit to the State in November. Another update to the board will be at the August 5th meeting. Kelly said SB2027 states Flood hazard mitigation for the county covers townships. This will be discussed at the February township officers meeting.

Extension Agent Racine presented the quarterly report to the board. This is the busiest quarter for their office and all of the activities have been well attended and supported.

Break 10:00-10:15

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	297.25
ALCOHOL MONITORING SYSTEMS, INC.	3.32
ALLIED ENERGY	8,265.17
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	84.43
AT&T MOBILITY	63.00
BANKNORTH	630.00
CENEX FLEETCARD	828.12
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	42.00
CITY OF LAMOURE	446.50
CNA SURETY	50.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,916.99
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,695.00
CREST PRECAST INC	23,200.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	174.72
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	875.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	57.94
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	8,119.29
DINGER/DANIELLE	557.20
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	103.34
ECONOMY OIL INC	4,083.35
FLATH/ROBERT	528.70
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	6,586.17
GOOD OIL COMPANY	45.03
HAMLIN/JANICE	28.70
HEIDINGER/KEITH	761.80
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	481.47
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	2,013.65
K.P. SHOCKMAN TREE MOVING	1,127.75
KLEIN/BRUCE	446.90
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	17.75
KULM PUBLIC SCHOOL	35.00
LAMOURE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	18,295.70
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	43.61
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	69.00
LAMOURE HARDWARE	1,713.53
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	511.13
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	10.00
LEAF	120.40
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	456.92
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	336.97
MB CUSTOM	31,288.11
MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS INC	820.00
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	1,200.00
ND SECRETARY OF STATE	36.00
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	5,853.02
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	444.83

PITNEY BOWES	1,000.00
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC.	2,926.66
QUILL CORPORATION	435.66
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	16.80
SCHMIDT/CHRISTINE	16.80
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	26,833.35
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	6,000.00
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	297.91
THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	9.80
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	239.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	299.50
VISTOS CARQUEST	192.52
W.D. LARSON COMPANIES	125.72
WALD/WAYNE	500.80
WASTE MANAGEMENT	186.26
WEIGEL/JASON	484.00
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

Kelly said that the county had received a letter regarding opting in to an opioid settlement class action. The County will opt in.

Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 10:42 am.

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF August, 2025

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor