

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, September 16th, 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; Brandy Rolland, State's Attorney Paralegal; Cindy Worrel, Treasurer; Art Hagebock, LaMoure County Chronicle; and Lon Ost.

Chairman Heidinger called for additions to the agenda. Treasurer, Cindy Worrel was added. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried.

The September 2nd minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Wald to approve with corrections, 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 Bryan with KLJ has applied for three-highway projects through the Flex Funding grants that are due Friday. They are for the micro-surfacing on CR 64, the hot in place on CR 61 out of LaMoure, and the hot in place on CR 62 out of Berlin. Four or five townships have also applied for the grants. The crew is sweeping CR 35 by Jud in preparation for fog sealing. The crew will be mowing the county ditches in a couple weeks. The crew is also preparing for winter.

Bryan reported that Mikkelson and Kennison Townships are doing a joint application for graveling, shoulder pulls and culvert replacing. The county could also apply for patching and chip sealing the two-mile stretch of pavement from Hwy 281 to Nortonville. The estimated cost is \$100,000. Comm Flath made a motion to sign the agreements to work cooperatively with Kennison Township, Mikkelson Township and Dickey County on the road projects if awarded through the Flex Funding, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Flath made a motion to commit 25% cost share for the two-mile pavement project from Hwy 281 to Nortonville, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Bryan gave an update on the bridge projects. Gladen is removing the bridge at Adrian and it is going to a winery. The work on the Grand Rapids bridge is scheduled to start in the next couple weeks.

Lon Ost attended the meeting to let the commissioners know he is opposed to the petition presented at the last meeting to close part of the section line in the southeast quarter of section 36 shared by Kennison and Glenmore townships. Lon needs to use that section line to get to his pasture on the east side. Bone Hill Creek divides his pasture east and west. He said currently part of the section line is planted with crop which is clearly in the easement. He would like the section line back to normal so he can use it to get to his pasture. He is looking for clarification on who has authority over this situation. The State's Attorney will be contacted to find out what responsibilities the county has in this matter. This item was tabled for the next meeting.

The resolution granting temporary license was also tabled for the next meeting.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, let the commissioners know she has a five dollar check that hasn't been cashed for two years. It is check# 14492. Comm Flath made a motion to cancel the check to NDDOT, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried. Cindy will turn it over to Unclaimed Property.

Comm Flath made a motion to renew with Agri Valley Insurance the NDIRF at \$3 million liability limits, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye motion carried. The breakdown is general liability \$15,733, auto \$43,909 and machinery \$6,458 for a total of \$66,100.

NDSU Extension ANR Agent, Julianne Racine gave an update that avian influenza is in the county. She will be out doing temperature checks on the compost piles. If you see anything suspicious with birds in your area, let her know.

NDSU Extension Family and Community Wellness Agent, Danielle Dinger reported on some upcoming trainings. The first one is called Lead Local which is training for aspiring, elected and appointed leaders serving on boards, councils and committees. It will be held November 6, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the BankNorth Mall Community Room. The cost is \$75 which includes lunch, breaks and materials. Please register by November 3. The next training offered is Conscious Discipline which will be held Tuesdays, November 4 – December 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene. The class, meal and childcare are free. Registration is required. The last item Danielle talked about was that October 6 through October 11 is National 4-H week which is an opportunity to focus on the kids and this positive youth program. Danille will reach out to some older youth to get on the next agenda to explain 4-H.

Break 9:48 a.m. to 10:01 a.m.

Chairman Heidinger opened the budget hearing at 10:04 a.m. There was no additional attendance from the public at this meeting. The budget hearing meeting was closed at 11:19 a.m.

There was discussion on the contract with Barnes County for Veteran Service Officer. County residents have expressed that they are happy with the current VSO. Comm Flath made a motion to rescind his second to the motion to stay at the current rate with Barnes County Veteran's Service, if Barnes County rejects this counteroffer, the commission will accept Dickey County's offer, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Weigel made a motion to rescind his motion to stay at the current rate with Barnes County Veteran's Service, if Barnes County rejects this counteroffer the commission will accept Dickey County's offer, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Weigel made a motion to reject the Barnes County \$30,000 offer and accept the negotiated \$25,000 offer with Barnes County for Veteran Services, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

LaMoure County land owners have received a letter with proposed purchase agreements for their properties from Acuity Land Group. The letter says the source of a landowner's ownership record is from the LaMoure County Tax Director. Tax Director, Denice Porter said it didn't come from her office, but it is possible they accessed public records through a website. Acuity Land Group could be purchasing for a big client without the seller knowing who will really be buying the land. The county has concerns that the elderly and vulnerable could be taken advantage of. The commissioners would encourage land owners to seek professional advice before selling their land.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ACE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC.	288.00
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	428.06
ALLIED ENERGY	13,603.27
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	195.37
AT&T MOBILITY	63.00
BANKNORTH	630.00
BARNES COUNTY AUDITOR	20,000.00
BECKMAN SEPTIC LLC	350.00
BOSCH/MARK	266.00
BUILDERS MART	45.22

CENEX FLEETCARD	855.76
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF LAMOURE	331.00
CITY VIEW FUEL	27.00
COLE PAPERS INC	163.54
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,800.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,695.00
D & B PORTABLES LLC	215.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	203.58
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	56.62
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	443.72
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,700.86
DUFFY/JESSICA	350.00
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	703.11
FLATH/ROBERT	328.00
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	4,821.09
GLAXOSMITHKLINE LLC	6,939.89
GOOD OIL COMPANY	32,630.43
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	302.89
HEIDINGER/KEITH	320.40
HENRY SCHEIN	243.20
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	721.01
HIGH PLAINS WATER	200.85
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	2,216.45
JAMESTOWN REGIONAL MED CT	32.00
KLEIN/BRUCE	312.60
KLEIN'S LOADER SERVICE	150.00
L & S WORREL TRUCKING, INC.	69,390.00
LAMOURE COUNTY MARKET	20.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	15.86
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	309.76
LAMOURE HARDWARE	608.16
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	250.00
LEAF	120.04
LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC.	1,056.00
LONSKI/GENE	35.00
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	29.99
ND DEPT OF TRUST LANDS	5.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	156.00
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	6,798.64
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	1,146.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	577.19
PFIZER, INC.	8,252.32
PURCHASE POWER	1,000.00
QUILL CORPORATION	1,101.28
RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR	12,600.98
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	280.00
ROBERT'S AG AIR SERVICE INC	450.00
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	3,866.20
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	23,068.60
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	15,796.77
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.85
THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	9.80
TRUENORTH STEEL	12,527.40
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	239.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,541.58
VISTOS CARQUEST	59.98
WALD/WAYNE	256.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	230.47
WEIGEL/JASON	256.00
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

The county has been having issues with the Titan Machinery charge account Productivity Plus. Comm Flath made a motion to make Titan Machinery a prepay vendor, seconded by Comm Wald. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 11:22 am.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor