

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING-Tuesday, January 3, 2023

At 8:30 am Chairman Bob Flath called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Bruce Klein, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger and Lee Miller were also present. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle; Karin Boom, acting Secretary; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; and Cindy Worrel, Treasurer. Appearing virtually were James Shockman, State's Attorney; Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator.

Chairman Flath called for changes to the agenda, having none a motion to approve the agenda was made by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Weigel and passed.

A motion was made by Comm Klein to approve the corrected draft minutes of the December 20, 2022 and the December 29, 2022 special meeting, seconded by Comm Miller and passed.

Darrick Nitschke, County Highway Superintendent, gave an update to the board. At this time the crews have the roads cleaned and are working on dozing areas that have to be opened up or pushed back. Crews are noting areas that need extra work on each route. Some townships have also asked for help opening bad areas. Nitschke and Emergency Manager Robbins demonstrated the feature of tracking highway department equipment on the LaMoure County website.

Nitschke also presented an amended permit application submitted by Michael Brandenburg to install electrical service to a drainage pump system that would have to cross CR 34. The permit application needed clarification to allow boring but not trenching and a date that would allow the county to make a road closure or mark the work area before commencing. Brandenburg was contacted by phone and made the clarifications and proposed boring in April. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the permit for boring with a notation by Hamlin on the permit application indicating the agreement via phone, seconded by Comm Klein and passed.

Kimberly Robbins gave a report on the Upper James River Flood Risk map. Phase 3 of the mapping project began March, 2021. Draft flood insurance rate maps were issued in December, 2022 and Phase 4 of 9 has commenced now. This information is available on the LaMoure County website. A public information meeting with FEMA will be scheduled later this year. Flood ordinances will have to be completed by the county at some point. Grand Rapids Township released their ordinance to the county. State's Attorney Shockman said he would have to review whether full zoning or specific ordinances would be in order.

Memorial Park has a possible pending project of a 100-person storm shelter for which FEMA would provide an 85% cost match. The project was presented to the Park Board in 2022 but they did not approve it. The funds are still in the budget this year. It will be put on the agenda for review at the next Park Board Meeting.

The LaMoure County Alert and Warning Plan is a 4-step phased public warning system. Robbins explained the details of each step.

Robbins also looked at criteria for FEMA snow disasters and the historical events dating back to 1993 and 1996 were 26" and 25" in December and this past December did not meet the record for a snow disaster declaration this time.

County Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, brought the abatements list to the board and explained the corrections needed to be made. These are reviewed as they come through the Treasurer, Auditor and Tax Director's offices and they work together to determine errors and corrections needed. The board reviewed the list and Comm Heidinger moved to

approve the list of cancelled and added taxes, motion seconded by Comm Weigel and passed.

Commissioner Klein reported on some of the possible building project issues. At this time, he is still looking into possible funding options if the budgeted amount is not sufficient. The building size, location and square foot cost have not been determined yet. More information should be available at the next meeting.

State's Attorney Shockman discussed the Kulm City Court Services Contract with the board. He conducted a review of surrounding counties and how they handle their contracts. Dickey and Foster use the county attorney and Ransom has one city, Lisbon, with its own city attorney. At this point, he said the Kulm City ordinances have not been presented to him or to the State Court, but they only involve minor infractions. All criminal charges go through the county at this time. Misdemeanor and higher charges are covered and associated costs paid by the county for jail and transportation. The contract is for one year and either party may discontinue with 90 days' notice. Motion by Comm Heidinger to approve the Court Services Contract with the City of Kulm, seconded by Comm Miller and passed. Shockman said he would review in nine months and report to the board at that time.

Auditor Hamlin informed the board that the State rate for mileage reimbursement was raised from 62.5 to 65.5 cents per mile January 1, 2023. Motion by Comm Weigel to adopt the mileage amount, seconded by Comm Klein and passed with Comm Flath voting no.

Hamlin also reported that funds had been applied for and secured from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistence Fund. It is based on ARPA funding criteria and is to be used at the county's discretion.

The South Central Dakota Regional Council Joint Powers Agreement is up for renewal. This will be for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 30, 2024. \$9,764.00 amount is the same as last year. Motion by Comm Heidinger to enter into the contract, seconded by Comm Klein and passed.

Break 9:40 a.m.-9:50 a.m.

Bills were reviewed. Motion to pay bills as presented by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Weigel and passed.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	79.23
CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT	3,069.75
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,349.59
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,143.40
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
FASTNACHT/JOSHUA	42.00
GOOD OIL COMPANY	21.54
KULM MESSENGER	156.00
LAGODINSKI/JAMIE	550.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	18.50
LAMOURE CITY	92.64
LAMOURE COUNTY TREASURER	774.41
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	44.00
NATIONAL ASSN OF COUNTIES	450.00
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	31,649.83
ND 911 ASSOCIATION	25.00
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	1,260.00
ONSOLVE, LLC	2,373.77
SOUTH CENTRAL DAKOTA REGIONAL COUNCIL	9,764.00
TOBACCO FREE ND	1,000.00
TRI-COUNTY NEWS	44.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	25.27
WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE	250.00

LaMoure County Park Board meeting was set for February 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor