

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, January 17, 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; James Shockman, State's Attorney; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; Cindy Worrel, Treasurer; Kimberly Robbins, Emergency Manager.

Chairman Flath called for changes to the agenda. Comm Klein added Garrison Diversion updates. A motion to approve the agenda was offered by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the minutes of the meeting, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Darrick Nitschke, County Highway Superintendent, gave an update to the board. Bids to replace the Kulm blade are being reviewed. He has ordered tar and mastic for summer road repairs. Currently the department is working on clearing snow from roads. The CAT work has been finished, but some townships are watching problem areas and may need help. Salt has been delivered and mixed and should be sufficient for the remainder of the season.

Kimberly Robbins, Emergency Manager, gave an update on DR 4660 project progress. Architects and engineers study along with funds for the bridge in Ovid Township has been received. Two other applications are pending and will probably be completed in January. Two more are in discussion at the state eligibility level. She told the board to watch SB2383 as it proceeds through the legislative process regarding funding formula for snow emergencies. The James River Valley flood outlook was reviewed. Calculations involve current stream level, snowfall and soil moisture. Boom Lake and Twin Lake are monitored by the State Water Commission. Another update will be available in February.

Cindy Worrel, LaMoure County Treasurer, presented the report of December 31, 2022 balances and accounts. She reviewed the coverages for all accounts and said all are adequately covered. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the following financial institutions: BankNorth, Dakota Plains Credit Union, Heartland State Bank, Hometown Credit Union, Dakota Heritage Bank, Choice Financial, and LaMoure Credit Union and to accept the securities that were presented as of December 31, 2022, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Worrel also presented two abatements for approval. First, Nathan Roberg, had filed an application for abatement for farm exempt which qualified him for an adjustment to be made to parcel number 04-2201200. A motion was made by Comm Miller and seconded by Comm Weigel to approve the abatement. All voting aye, motion carried. The second abatement involved a homestead credit on the Froelich Family Trust property parcel numbers 36-0401110 and 36-0401120. The county will get the money back from the state in 2023 for the 2022 taxes. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the abatement, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Klein reported that the Garrison Diversion Recreational Grants program is open and applications are due in March.

Comm Klein and Comm Miller gave a building project progress update. As of last week the property by the mall is no longer available, another entity is going to develop that property. LCDC proposed that the County Health Department might consider the current APEX building. They will be expanding and the space will be available in 2024. It is possibly twice the space that the department currently has. They will look at the space before the next meeting. They also have looked into financing options if the building project exceeds currently budgeted funds. Dakota Valley Cooperative has low interest loans for community development and USDA

also has rural development funds to apply for. The possibility of partnering with other governmental entities is being discussed with State’s Attorney Shockman. Further discussion included wanting to get human services on a ground level space. More information will be gathered for the next meeting.

Jan Hamlin, County Auditor, presented two applications for liquor, beer, and Sunday sales for Memorial Park Country Club and The Rabbit Hole. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the application and issue a license for Memorial Park Country Club, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. The Rabbit Hole sent the wrong fee and didn’t fill in their business name on the application. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Miller to approve the application and issue a license pending the proper fee and amended application by the Rabbit Hole. All voting aye, motion carried.

Hamlin presented 2022 budget amendments for farm to market, weed control, ambulance, document preservation, estimate tax, and culverts accounts along with a transfer from road and bridge to farm to market. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

There was some discussion of employees turning in claim vouchers for one or two miles and the cost of processing one check costing more than the reimbursement amount. State’s Attorney, Shockman, stated that there is no law on minimums and the county could make a policy of letting reimbursements accumulate up to a certain amount. No action was taken.

Hamlin presented correspondence regarding survey work on the James River bridge on Highway 13 at LaMoure. Upcoming construction will widen the bridge but one lane will remain open during the work.

Break 9:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Bills were reviewed. A motion to pay bills presented was made by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	38.00
ASPHALT SURFACE TECH CORPORATION	59,033.84
AT&T MOBILITY	62.07
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	780.82
BARNES CO CORRECTIONAL CENTER	935.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	670.16
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,323.82
CITY OF MARION	40.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	4,388.99
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	875.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA FLUID POWER, INC.	26.78
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	136.03
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	358.58
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	337.64
EMMONS COUNTY	120.00
FLATH/ROBERT	400.00
FREDONIA COOPERATIVE OIL COMPANY	39.98
GOOD OIL COMPANY	10,449.60
HEIDINGER/KEITH	466.41
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	1,934.49
IAPE	65.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,444.95
I3G MEDIA	170.00
JOHN R BECK INSURANCE LLC	640.36
JOHNSON MANUFACTURING OPERATING, INC	9.68
KLEIN/BRUCE	528.94
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	1,216.10
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	437.56

L & O ACRES TRANSPORT, INC.	3,304.23
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	617.14
LAMOURE CITY	68.50
LAMOURE COUNTY MUSEUM	5,000.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	11.67
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	77.77
LAMOURE HARDWARE	504.56
LEAF	120.40
LEXIPOL LLC	654.05
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	52.21
LISBON VETERINARY SERVICE	1,153.40
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	19.44
LITTLE LOBOES BRIGHT BEGINNINGS	200.00
MILLER/LEE	550.22
ND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND COUNTY AUDITORS ASSOCIATION	100.00
ND COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION	100.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	120.00
ND TAX COMMISSIONER	3,777.95
NK CONSTRUCTION	2,400.00
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	620.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,482.47
OVID TOWNSHIP	67,605.05
PFIZER, INC.	3,644.54
PHARMCHEM INC	94.35
QUILL CORPORATION	63.52
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	8,267.17
RAMKOTA HOTEL	518.40
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.88
SHOCKMAN/JAMES	40.48
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	24.99
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	420.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	711.03
WASTE MANAGEMENT	315.86
WEIGEL/JASON	252.40
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor