

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

At 8:38 am Chairman Bob Flath called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger and Lee Miller were also present. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle; James Shockman, State's Attorney; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; and Cindy Worrel. Attending virtually were Comm Bruce Klein and Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator.

Chairman Flath called for changes to the agenda. Comm Miller added Community Action statistics. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the minutes of the January 17, 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. He started with LoadPass. Currently 32 of the 53 counties in the state are using LoadPass. The commissioners said they are all in favor of it. Darrick will move forward with the process. Darrick presented quotes and there was some discussion on blades from John Deere and Butler Machinery. Delivery for a blade from John Deere would be this September and CAT would be in 14 months. Comm Heidinger made a motion to call for bids on blades, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. Darrick said the cost of bobcats have gone up about 10% since last year. The track machine cost the county \$18.93 per hour and the wheel machine \$17.94 per hour. The wheel machine will take six to eight months to get and the track machine four month. Comm Miller made a motion to purchase a T770 T4 Bobcat compact track loader and a S770 T4 Bobcat skid-steer loader, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote: Comm Weigel-yes; Comm Klein-yes; Comm Heidinger-yes; Comm Miller-yes; Chair Flath-yes. Motion carried. Three bids for engineering the bridge replacement & reconstruction have been received so far and the deadline is today. Darrick and Comm Klein will set up interviews for next week. Brian and Matt with KLJ will be here tomorrow to go over all the road projects for the year.

Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator, reported on the wellness program agreement and coordinator appointment. The employer based wellness program allows participating health insurance employers to receive a 1% health insurance premium discount for promoting wellness. Employees can receive up to \$250 in gift cards/prizes for completing an online health review and earning points. The requirements for the program are: a wellness program coordinator will be appointed; distribute wellness materials provided by NDPERS to employees; complete two wellness activities; and complete commitment agreement, application, and end of year confirmation. Three forms have to be submitted annually. Some of the wellness activities the county has participated in the past are the heart health checks, wellness bingo, and walk at work. Comm Heidinger made a motion to continue the program and appoint Kimberly Robbins as the coordinator, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. Kimberly gave an update on SB 2183 which is snow removal. The amount of average snow removal cost was decreased from 200% to 150% and the North Dakota Department of Transportation was omitted from receiving funds. LaMoure County will qualify at the 150% for county snow removal. Kimberly provided the commissioners with information on flood risk. The James River flood risk product will be available February 9th and updated every two weeks. Twin and Boom Lake storage capacity memos and flood risk date will be shared with the respective communities, commission, and water board within the next two weeks. The snow water equivalent, SWE, is higher in the northern part of the county. Kimberly let the board know that FEMA has a new state and local cybersecurity grant program. We have worked with Computer Express to submit a notice of intent. The three things they focus on are vulnerability management, reporting of patches, cyber assets and prohibited logons, and hardware/software improvements to provide an offsite, offline backup. We have requested \$12,000 worth of

equipment and programs to help with cybersecurity for the county. Right now there is legislation for this grant to be 100%, but is not approved the county cost would be \$1,200. The board would like to pursue the grant and wait and see if there will be the 10% local cost match.

Comm Miller gave a Community Action statistic report. Community Action out of Jamestown serves ten counties. They have helped 37 with supportive services, heating, weatherizing, or rent in LaMoure County during one fiscal year.

Auditor Jan Hamlin gave an update on Prairie Dog. LaMoure County received \$2,450,224.50 on January 17. The state distributed the township share to the county on January 27. The total amount was \$293,136.96. Each township will receive \$9,160.53 on February 10 with their regular tax disbursement.

Treasurer Cindy Worrel discovered that former Treasurer Kathy Exner's name was missed on being removed from one CD at BankNorth and the other CD's only have Cindy's name on them. She would like to see two names on all CD's. Comm Weigel made a motion to removed Kathy Exner from the BankNorth CD, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Klein made a motion to have Jan Hamlin and Cindy Worrel sign and act on behalf of LaMoure County for purposes of CD's and investments, seconded by Comm Miller. After some discussion, Comm Klein made a motion to amend the motion to state the county auditor and county treasurer sign and act on behalf of LaMoure County for the purposes of CD's and investments, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye on amended motion, motion carried.

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

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADVANCED GRAPHIX, INC	195.40
ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY	258.05
ALLIED ENERGY	24,049.78
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	128.88
BANKNORTH	830.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	65.90
BECKMAN SEPTIC LLC	175.00
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	299.36
CITY OF KULM	79.90
COLE PAPERS INC	281.34
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EMS OF LAMOURE	300.00
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	875.00
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	102.26
DICKEY COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	2,360.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,237.58
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
ECONOMY OIL INC	6,606.90
EQUIPMENT BLADES INC	3,767.32
FRONTIER PRECISION INC	1,650.00
GOOD OIL COMPANY	9,243.57
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,521.07
HENRY SCHEIN	110.47
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	1,960.40
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	379.85
IWORQ	3,000.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	219.77
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	3,766.55
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	43.35
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	289.87
L & O ACRES TRANSPORT, INC.	6,313.70
LAGODINSKI/JAMIE	550.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	755.08
LAMOURE CITY	280.64
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	31.35

LAMOURE HARDWARE	625.88
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	3,439.50
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	70.00
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	50.00
LEAF	132.44
LEHR, DAVID	100.00
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	52.81
LINDGREN/BRUCE	256.00
LITTLE LOBOES BRIGHT BEGINNINGS	200.00
MAC'S HARDWARE	525.03
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	32.99
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFORMATION	100.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	84.44
NATIONAL ASSN OF COUNTIES	450.00
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	1,134.66
ND CLERKS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION	1,650.00
ND RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND SACCHO	500.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	18,958.40
NDACO	1,324.09
NDACTVSO	170.00
NDEMA	50.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	6,035.26
NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL, INC.	1.30
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	490.00
OIEN/LUKE	100.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	950.70
PIEHL/KRIS	45.85
PIEHL/TORIE	160.48
PITNEY BOWES	456.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	550.25
QUILL CORPORATION	817.17
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	474.94
RACINE/JULIANNE	136.24
RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	86.40
REKLEAN EQUIPMENT LLC	107.00
RIDDLE/JAMES	6.55
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	28.82
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC.	458.34
SHOCKMAN/JAMES	86.25
SOLINGER LUMBER-EDGELEY	215.40
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.85
ULMER/AL	262.10
US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	143.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	94.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	565.07
VISTOS CARQUEST	71.58
WALK-N-ROLL	1,312.30
WARCKEN/BILLI	32.75

There was some discussion on looking into hiring a temporary/seasonal employee for the County Extension Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor