

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

At 8:31 am Chairman Bob Flath called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, Lee Miller, and Bruce Klein were also present. Also attending were James Shockman, State's Attorney; Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Attending virtually was Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator.

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

Chairman Flath called for a review of the minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the minutes of the meeting, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Darrick Nitschke, County Highway Superintendent, gave an update to the board. He said the ad went in the newspaper for bids for a grader and the bid opening will be at 8:45 a.m. on March 7. The RFP interviews for an engineer will be tomorrow. Darrick is also working on setting the equipment rates for 2023. After checking with surrounding counties, he is sure of at least a five to eight percent increase. The township meetings are scheduled to begin around March 24. Comm Miller said that the highway department cleared a path in the park to get to the log jam. It is too far out for the county equipment to reach. Comm Miller will reach out to an individual from Oakes who has a log reach backhoe.

Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator, reported on the flood outlooks. The James River flood risk outlook will be updated February 23 and March 9. Currently there is less than a 15% chance of minor flood stage which is 14 feet. The Twin and Boom Lake storage capacity memos and flood risk data were shared with the respective cities. Twin Lake has approximately 3,276-acre feet of storage which may be adequate for spring of 2023. Boom Lake has approximately 406-acre feet of storage which at current conditions has a high risk of overflowing if the levee was removed. The levee is still in place at Marion and they will get the elevation when the snow is off. The (SWE) snow water equivalent, temperatures, melt and ground conditions will be factors for these closed basins.

The Edgeley Ambulance would like to get two new computers through a State Homeland Security Grant through FEMA. Federal grants now require a UEI number instead of a DUNS number. This information was explained to First Responder Agencies at the December LEPC meeting. It takes time to get the number. The Edgeley Ambulance has started the process to get the number but the deadline to apply is tomorrow. Kimberly is willing to apply for the grant for the Edgeley Ambulance but the process will have to go through LaMoure County. Comm Weigel made a motion to have Kimberly Robbins apply for the grant for Edgeley Ambulance for fiscal year 2020 State Homeland Security with a closing date of July 2023, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Kimberly said March 1st will be the date of the next LEPC meeting. The items to be discussed will be: review the TIER II reports, start the Integrated Preparedness Plan Workshop, HazConnect login, You Are the Help classes and flyer, eDispatches contract, grants, and UEI number.

Julianne Racine, NDSU Extension Agent, discussed temporary help for her department. Some options to consider are: to work with North Dakota Job Service through the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), work with NDSCS program, volunteers, or county paid non benefit temporary employee. She would like to have someone start by April 3. Comm Weigel made a motion to advertise for a part-time seasonal employee at the Extension Office at a wage depends on experience, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

The board set the following commissioner meeting dates: April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16, June 6, June 20, July 6, and July 18.

Comm Heidinger gave a report on the museum. He reported the ceiling work is complete in the museum. He also informed the board that a museum board member has resigned and a replacement will need to be found and appointed.

The 5-County meeting scheduled for Saturday has been cancelled.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to pay the bills presented, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY	39.25
AT&T MOBILITY	62.07
BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER	2,635.00
BOOM/KARIN	500.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	529.86
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,569.54
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	332.25
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER PRODUCTS	243.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA SKID STEERS, LLC	12.58
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	194.47
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	1,086.44
FARGO FREIGHTLINER	96.37
FLATH/ROBERT	400.00
GOOD/LAURIE	739.36
HARMSSEN/LARRY	360.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	412.66
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,781.50
I3G MEDIA	200.00
KLEIN/BRUCE	317.69
KOVAL/JUDY	48.00
KULM SERVICE	195.21
LAQUINTA INN & SUITES	88.22
MILLER/LEE	275.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	70.10
NARDINI	1,973.25
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,662.83
PHARMCHEM INC	159.75
QUILL CORPORATION	234.22
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,621.41
STEFFES, KEITH	42.00
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	53.71
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	412.05
WASTE MANAGEMENT	315.86
WEIGEL/JASON	252.40
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

Comm Heidinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF MARCH, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor