

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

At 8:30 am Chairman Robert Flath called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Jason Weigel, Lee Miller, and Bruce Klein were also present. Also attending were James Shockman, State's Attorney; Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; Bryan Tykwinski, KJ; Cindy Worrel, Treasurer; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Attending virtually were Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator and Billi Warcken, Clerk of Court. Absent was Commissioner Keith Heidinger.

Chairman Flath called for additions to the agenda. He added a resolution for NDPERS retirement and silent auction. A motion was made by Comm Klein to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Darrick Nitschke, County Highway Superintendent, gave an update to the board. He said the blading is almost done, but more snow is on the way today. After the last meeting, it was discovered that RDO had submitted two bids a for motor grader and the one read was for the seven-year enhanced service coverage instead of the nine-year. RDO's bid for a John Deere 772G after trade is \$381,000.00 and Butler's bid for a Caterpillar 150 after trade is \$378,609.08. Both have the same attachments and nine-year enhanced service coverage and 10,000 hours. Darrick suggested the board go with the Butler Caterpillar. A motion was made by Comm Miller to accept the Caterpillar bid from Butler, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote: Comm Weigel, yes; Comm Miller, yes; Comm Klein, yes; Chairman Flath, yes. All voting aye, motion carried. Darrick would like to purchase a groomer from General Equipment for \$19,750. The board said to go ahead with the purchase if he has it in his budget. Bryan Tykwinski with KJ handed out county maps that showed how much traffic is on county roads per day. This information comes from NDDOT which is done every four years. Bryan also said they did have Josh's three-year road plan. If the county would like to do a project this year, it will need to be decided by the next meeting. Bryan, Darrick, and Comm Klein will get together and come up with a plan to present at the next meeting. Darrick will advertise for summer help. Sand has been hauled in the shop in preparation for making sandbags.

Tax Director, Denice Porter recommended leaving the assessing parcel fees at \$1 for townships and \$2 for cities and the commissioners agreed to keep things the same.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel said a farm exemption was filed on time, but missed. She is asking to refund parcel number 16-0302000 \$1,847.56. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the abatement as presented, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins started with the flood risk data. The James River flood risk has increased from less than a 15% chance to a 22% chance of minor flood stage and a 15% chance of moderate, 16 feet, flood stage. There is storage in Jamestown and Pipestem dams. There were dry conditions in most of the James River basin south of Jamestown; however, a significant amount of snow water equivalent (SWE) in LaMoure County. This information was also presented to the city of LaMoure and the LaMoure County Water Resource Board. Kimberly did request a gage at Adrian, which has been shipped. The cost of a gage is unknown at this time, but she has requested funding from various resources. The next update will be on March 23. On March 7, the city of Marion declared a flood emergency. The Boom Lake storage capacity is limited at 406-acre feet; current SWE is above 6.0 inches; the lake will overtop; push limits of the levee at 1460 feet. The city of Marion has weekly meetings with the Emergency Manger, the Department of Water Resources, and Comm Miller. The city of Marion is committed to a permanent drain, yet has not submitted a permit application. Twin Lake storage capacity is limited at 3276 feet; current SWE should be contained. The SWE, temperatures, melt and ground conditions will be factors for these closed basins. The LaMoure

County flood plan has been updated. Kimberly has ordered 10,000 sandbags since many currently here are old and the shelf life has expired. She is reviewing the plans for Memorial Park. She is also working on sandbag operations. Kimberly would like the commissioners to consider signing a flood declaration at the April 4th meeting. She also reported on snow data. LaMoure County is not at a record snowfall. The snowiest year in recent times is 2019. The last item to discuss was the State Homeland Security Grant Program. The 2020 SHSGP for MDTs for the Edgeley Ambulance has been approved by the state. Kimberly needs to sign and submit it today.

County Agent, Julianne Racine gave an update on hiring a temporary employee. The job was posted in the paper a couple of weeks, it is on the county website and on Hireclick. LaMoure County is not able to use the Job Service program for this position since LaMoure County is a government agency. Julianne informed the board that the computer for the other Extension Agent, which is a NDSU computer, is due for replacement. This is a cost share with the county and she does have it in her budget for this year. The board agreed it should be replaced.

There was discussion on the silent auction which will be from March 27 through March 31. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the sale of excess county property through the silent auction, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Break 9:51 a.m. to 9:59 a.m.

The commissioners had State's Attorney, James Shockman, draft a resolution in support of Senate Bill #2239 and in opposition to House Bill #1040. Both bills are related to the North Dakota Public Employee Retirement System. The commissioners would like to let the legislatures know that they are committed to being a part of the solution in trying to bring the defined benefit retirement plan on a road to recovery rather than just closing the plan. Comm Weigel made a motion to adopt and submit this resolution to our legislative members, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin stated that at the last meeting during the Opioid Settlement update, the commissioners were made aware that the money received so far in the amount of \$4,091.33 was receipted into the county general. She has set up the account for the Opioid Settlement funds in the special accounts and would like approval to transfer the \$4,091.33. Comm Klein made a motion to transfer the opioid funds that have been received to date from the County General to the Opioid Settlement account and receipt any future money into the new account, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Miller will look at the cost to replace the Welcome to LaMoure County signs and bring it to the next meeting.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	50.00
AT&T MOBILITY	62.07
BEK SPORTS NETWORK	1,250.00
BI INCORPORATED	72.80
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	9,029.05
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,072.49
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	798.35
CITY VIEW FUEL	57.55
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,397.98
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	60.48
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	179.52
DUFFY/JESSICA	52.40
FLATH/ROBERT	400.00
GOOD/LAURIE	408.72
GRAINGER	72.21
HEHR/VICTOR	224.00

HENRY SCHEIN	314.91
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,775.85
I3G MEDIA	825.00
KETTERLING/JACKIE	30.13
KLEIN/BRUCE	211.79
KULM SERVICE	27.30
LAGODINSKI/JAMIE	550.00
LAQUINTA INN & SUITES	88.20
LITTLE LOBOES BRIGHT BEGINNINGS	200.00
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	34,271.73
MILLER/LEE	275.98
NARDINI	1,173.95
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	810.75
ND SECRETARY OF STATE	36.00
ORRIGINALS INC	53.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,786.41
PETERSON/ALEXIS	175.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	38.46
QUILL CORPORATION	192.92
RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	392.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,613.08
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	150.00
STUTSMAN CO NARCOTICS TASK FORCE	5,600.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	412.05
WALKER/NAOMI	26.20
WASTE MANAGEMENT	315.86
WEIGLE/JASON	252.40
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

Chairman Flath adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor