

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

At 8:32 am Chairman Robert Flath called the meeting to order. Commissioners Jason Weigel, Lee Miller, Bruce Klein, and Keith Heidinger were in attendance virtually. Also attending were James Shockman, State's Attorney; Jan Hamlin, Auditor; and Jason Thielges. Attending virtually were Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle, and Jessica Duffy, LaMoure County Public Health Director.

Chairman Flath called for additions to the agenda. The additions were road restrictions, local permit for restricted event permit, and state snow grant. A motion was made by Comm Klein to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the March 21, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Comm Miller to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Due to the inclement weather, Chairman Flath suggested the courthouse close at 10:00 a.m. All commissioners agreed.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, wasn't in attendance, but sent a road restriction map for review. A motion was made by Comm Miller to put road restrictions on Monday, April 10th, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Klein said that Darrick Nitschke, Josh Loegering, Bryan Tykwinski, and Matt Lange, both with KLJ, and himself meet last week to discuss future road projects. Bryan thought he would have numbers together for today, but will present at the next meeting.

State's Attorney, James Shockman stated for the record that we are meeting by GoTo Meeting, but the courthouse is open. The proper notice was given to the public with the call-in number and GoTo Meeting link.

LaMoure Baseball Boosters Inc. are applying for a gaming site authorization to put pull tab dispensing device and electronic pull tab device at Memorial Park Country Club for April 4, 2023 through June 30, 2023, and also for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The \$200 fee and proper paperwork have been submitted. State's Attorney, James Shockman has reviewed the forms and stated everything was filled out correctly. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve both gaming site authorizations, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Memorial Park Country Club applied for a local permit for a raffle/raffle board with a raffle drawing date of September 9, 2023. The \$10 fee was included. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the local permit for Memorial Park Country Club, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath informed the board that Governor Burgum signed SB 2183 on April 3, 2023. The bill appropriated \$20 million for snow removal assistance. It will be on a first come first serve bases, so all entities should file the proper paperwork as soon as possible. Townships will be included under their county, and cities will apply themselves.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins started with the flood risk data. The James River flood risk remains at 22% of minor flood stage with a 15% change of moderate (16 ft) flood stage. The gage is working at Adrian, and is available at the county website. The US Army Corp of Engineer started small releases from the Jamestown Reservoir and Pipestem to help mitigate ice jams. The total combined releases are 57 cfs. The current data indicates that on approximately April 11th the gage at LaMoure starts rising. The City of Marion has declared a flood emergency. The Boom Lake storage capacity is limited and so is their levee at 1460 feet. Resources have been requested from the state for a tiger dam to be staged in case it is needed

to quickly raise the levee. The City of Marion is continuing their weekly meetings. The storage capacity at Twin Lake is also limited, and the current SWE with the predicted storm may put this closed basin at its highest level we have ever seen. The City of Kulm and City of Edgeley have also issued a flood declaration for concerns of overland flooding. Kimberly recommends the county declare a flood declaration. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve a flood declaration, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

LaMoure County, North Dakota FLOOD EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, LaMoure County, had significant snowfall in the winter of 2022-2023 including a late April blizzard; and

WHEREAS, there is imminent threat of overland flooding, closed-basin flooding and flooding of small creeks and streams with a snow water equivalent (SWE) above 6.0 inches seen throughout the county;

WHEREAS, the Jamestown Reservoir is in its flood pool level and initial releases have begun from the Jamestown and Pipestem Reservoirs to mitigate ice jams and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the National River Forecasting Center predicts the current chances of exceeding minor and moderate flood stage to be higher than historical chances in LaMoure County; and

WHEREAS, the potential damage to public and private property and local infrastructure including roads are beyond normal anticipation and budgeted funds; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages threaten the health, well-being, and public safety of LaMoure County citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LaMoure County declares a flood emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the LaMoure County Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, alleviate hardship, and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impacts of this emergency upon the citizens of LaMoure County, North Dakota.

DATED at LaMoure, North Dakota this 4th day of April 2023.

Kimberly reported on DR4660. This is the winter storm disaster and spring flooding of 2022. The total obligated funds were \$401,542.33. There are seven total projects, one engineering project that may turn it to a large project, and 16 townships received funding. The recovery transition meeting was completed on March 28th since funding has been obligated to LaMoure County, and is available.

The annual State Homeland Security Grant Program has the following priorities: Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places and physical security enhancements (security cameras, lighting, access control, etc); enhancing community preparedness and resilience; enhancing election security; and combating domestic violent extremism. The LaMoure County Courthouse Emergency Planning team, and the LEPC would like to request funding for "Are you Prepared? They are also considering community training/event and active threat full scale exercise. The cost would be about \$20,000 for the two events, and the grant will cover 100%.

The commissioners agreed to get another 10,000 sandbags on order. The cost will be \$1,400.

The City of Marion gave an update on plans for a permanent surface drain for Boom Lake. Isaac VanEnk, city council member, and Mike Strom, KLJ Engineer were attending virtually. Mike started by saying that they are not asking for anything from the county commissioners. This is an informational discussion to let the board know where the project is at. They plan to put in two lift stations and a storm sewer. The only thing they will need from the county later on would be an easement to utilize the right of way. State's Attorney, James Shockman, thought the county utility permit process would work for this situation. Mike did say that with this project, there will be a manual that states when water can and can't be pumped out of Boom Lake.

Jessica Duffy, Public Health Director, wanted to inform the commissioners about the Health Equity Grant that was received on May 28, 2021 and that will end May 30, 2024. It was originally \$125,000, and there is about \$57,000 left. With this grant, the primary goals were to increase access to healthcare services in LaMoure County with optometry, mental health, dental, and non-profit healthcare. They have succeeded in getting the optometry services here with the help of other entities. Professional Eyecare currently is seeing clients at an office on Main Street in Edgeley, and plans to be open for business at Bank North Mall in LaMoure in April 2023. Jessica has been working to partner with Family Healthcare which is a non-profit to increase access to healthcare by employing a nurse practitioner to work in LaMoure County. The timeline would be to form agreements between LCPH and Family Healthcare in May 2023, hire a nurse practitioner in June 2023, set up clinic space at LCPH in July 2023, and welcome new addition on nurse practitioner to LCPHD office in August/September 2023 to start seeing clients. The hopes are that in August 2024 they will be profitable and able to start paying rent on their own. The commissioners are in support of sharing LCPHD office space with a nurse practitioner who would be an employee of Family Healthcare. Coralyn Dallmann, LaMoure Public Health board member, was attending virtually.

County Agent, Julianne Racine, introduced Susan McCarthy who will be filling in on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	5.00
ALLIED ENERGY	18,987.24
BANKNORTH	830.00
BARNES CO CORRECTIONAL CENTER	1,380.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	63.70
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	82.86
CITY OF KULM	80.09
CITY OF LAMOURE	234.50
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,869.99
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	227.08
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	1,750.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA FLUID POWER, INC.	2,783.63
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	19,090.61
ENDERLIN INDEPENDENT	66.00
ESCOSUPPLY	4,647.44
FARGO FREIGHTLINER	32.89
GOOD OIL COMPANY	11,300.56
GOOD/LAURIE	365.36
HEATLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,603.45
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	1,512.84
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	34.50
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	139.95
JENSEN FEED & GRAIN	3,048.84
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	97.52
KETTERLING/JACKIE	45.85
KULM MESSENGER	220.00
KULM SERVICE	222.92
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	28.00
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	464.96
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	883.25
LEAF	120.40
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	86.55
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	50.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	10.00
ND RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
NORTHERN BAG & BOX COMPANY	1,400.00
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	755.00
OTTERTAIL POWER CO	73.27
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC.	2,940.00
PEPSI-COLA	262.88

PETERSON/ALEXIS	307.85
PIEHL/KRIS	239.28
QUILL CORPORATION	338.74
RACINE/JULIANNE	290.82
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	237.11
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC.	452.46
SANDNESS/SHANNON	50.44
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,929.98
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	51.12
TRI-COUNTY NEWS	286.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	541.14

Chairman Flath adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor