

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

At 8:30 am Chairman Robert 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; Bryan Tykwinski, KIJ; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Attending virtually was Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator.

Chairman Flath called for additions to the agenda. Comm Weigel added talk with KIJ about a culvert on a township road. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the April 4, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

County Agent, Julianne Racine, informed the board of upcoming events. Thursday is Ladies' Ag night in Grand Rapids and Sunday is Communication Arts at the LaMoure School. After these events, Julianne will be focusing on flood education.

Comm Miller was contacted by NDSU District representative Dena Kemmet. Dena said NDSU has approved a full-time position for a LaMoure County Family Community Wellness Agent. NDSU pays for half the salary and all the benefits for this position. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the hiring for this position, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent, gave an update to the board. He said he has received one RFP from KIJ for the bridge project. The next step is for the selection committee to interview them. Darrick said the county line doesn't have flooding. A crew member is working on breaking up ice and removing trees from a couple of bridges.

Comm Klein informed the board that Darrick, Matt and Bryan with KIJ, Josh Loegering, and himself met and went over some possible road project. Bryan will provide estimates for each project at this meeting. Bryan had handouts that he went over for the structured projects. There are three project and six sites. The next couple maps were an overview of the county pavement system as a whole, dates of the last surfacing projects, and indicating what is gravel and asphalt. Elements considered are age, traffic, and condition of a road. The last page had some project that have been discussed, along with estimated costs, possibly using ARPA funds, and the local share requirements. Some projects that have been considered are CR 34 from Grand Rapids to CR 61, CR 35 from Jud to Highway 281, and CR 35 from Dickey to CR 61. There aren't any major road projects scheduled for this year. They will begin in 2024. Chip sealing and sand sealing are what have been planned for 2023.

Comm Weigel had a township contact him about a culvert on 66th street, which is seven miles north of Edgeley. This culvert will eventually drain into the Cottonwood Creek. The township is in favor of doing something, which requires a hydrology study. Bryan with KIJ said they could do the study and the cost is approximately \$5,000.

Comm Miller contacted Newman Signs in Jamestown about making new "Welcome to LaMoure County" signs. The old ones are too big and the wind has damaged several. Another issue is the word LaMoure, the M wasn't capitalized. The cost per sign would be \$50. Darrick will look into ordering new signs if there is room in his budget.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins started with the flood operations. Governor Burgum has issued an executive order declaring a statewide emergency for spring flooding. Currently, there will be public assistance but not individual assistance. The James River at Adrian is close to peaking at 27.7 feet. The James River at LaMoure should level off at 14.2 feet and peak this Friday. The Jamestown and Pipestem Dams are planning for a high flow year of 750 to 1600 cfs releases, but will wait for the peak at LaMoure. The current plan for Memorial Park is to remove the low pedestals. Bill Brown with NDDDES will be here today to help. The Sheriff's

Department flew a drone to retrieve images and videos of the James River at Memorial Park. They also flew over Twin Lake and Boom Lake. It appears that both lakes have a lot of ice remaining. The City of Marion had a public informational meeting on April 10. The Marion City Council decided to increase the levee system to 1461.5. The county assisted in getting the sandbag machine in place and within three hours the City of Marion made 3,000 sandbags. The City of Marion has the tiger dam trailer in place, but no resources this week to get the tiger dam. The county is willing to get the tiger dams from Bismarck if the City of Marion reimburses the county for time and fuel. The City of LaMoure has action plans in place based on the river levels. The cities of Edgeley and Kulm have not made any official requests from the county.

Kimberly reported that on April 9th State Radio dispatchers were notified that callers were experiencing connectivity issues while using 9-1-1 from multiple areas across the state. Callers are asked, if possible, to use State Radio administrative line at 701-328-9921 if they are not able to connect using 9-1-1 or the other line 1-800-472-2121. The issue has been resolved and connectivity has been restored.

Kimberly notified the board that LaMoure County has qualified for the employer-based wellness discount program for health insurance.

Comm Klein made a motion to approve a local permit raffle application for National Barrel Horse Association ND02, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Sheriff Fernandes and Sarah Weber attended to request the car seat program be transferred from LaMoure County Public Health to the LaMoure County Sheriff's Department. The car seat program is a state funded and a self-sufficient program. Therefore, no county funds will be needed, however, the program must be set up with its own account numbers. Sheriff Fernandes said Public Health doesn't have anyone certified to be a car seat technician, whereas, the Sheriff's Department has three certified employees. He also said this is the distribution program where the parents have to be trained. Comm Weigel made a motion to transfer the car seat program from the Public Health to the Sheriff's Department, and also transfer the \$195 currently in the program from Public Health to the car seat program account, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Break 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AT&T MOBILITY	61.81
BI INCORPORATED	16.80
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	12,923.91
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,072.76
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	15.36
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	175.72
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	179.94
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	1,643.67
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	672.32
HEIDINGER/KEITH	386.46
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,775.85
I3G MEDIA	150.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	60.34
KLEIN/BRUCE	417.69
KLEIN'S LOADER SERVICE	4,400.00
KULM GROCERY	20.37
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	51.96
KULM MESSENGER	44.00
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	244.35

LAGODINSKI/JAMIE	550.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,342.96
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	149.12
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	212.10
LAMOURE HARDWARE	474.33
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,025.60
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	51.01
LITTLE LOBOES BRIGHT BEGINNINGS	200.00
MILLER/LEE	492.36
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	78.77
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	15.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	10.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	263.00
ND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	40.00
NORTHERN BAG & BOX COMPANY	1,400.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	4,042.21
PHARMCHEM INC	127.80
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	174.69
QUILL CORPORATION	99.36
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	374.70
STUTSMAN CO CORRECTION CENTER	825.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	411.90
VISTOS CARQUEST	954.09
WASTE MANAGEMENT	315.86
WEIGEL/JASON	226.20
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

Chairman Flath adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor