

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Thursday, July 6th, 2023**

At 8:30 am Chairman Robert Flath called the meeting to order and opened with reciting the pledge of allegiance. Commissioners: Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, Lee Miller and Bruce Klein were also present. Also attending were James Shockman, State's Attorney; Jan Hamlin, Auditor; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Attending virtually were Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, and DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins.

Chairman Flath called for additions to the agenda. The county auction was added. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the June 20th, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Comm Klein to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, informed the board that he was contacted by the Dickey County Highway Superintendent on reopening the Dickey County line from the church to Highway 1. They plan to lay 8,300 feet of 24-inch pipe to help with draining. The estimated cost is \$400,000 and asked if the county would contribute funds. This would come out of the Highway Department budget. The county will look further into it. They have already begun the work and hope to have the drains in by the end of the year.

Darrick stated that they have finished the shoulder pulls on county roads and will now be moving on to township shoulder pulls on Monday. The road department has also hired a new blade driver who will start on July 17th.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented to the board that the North Dakota State Department of Water Resources and FEMA had an open house Wednesday, June 21st in LaMoure for LaMoure and Dickey County regarding the FIRM mapping.

At this time there has not been any paperwork found on the Berlin siren. The siren is still looking for a new home. Comm Heidinger is going to check with a couple of locations in his district as the board would like, if possible, to keep it in the county. The siren cost would be minimal as it would come down to the cost of the pole, installation, and possible repairs if there are any. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, let the board know that the county received another \$130,000 snow relief deposit on Friday. This will be paid out to the townships in the next regular payouts. Kimberly has sent out emails on both payments, informing the townships what to use it for. The county received \$77,000 that was put into a reimbursement account for the Highway Department. Senate Bill 2183, Emergency Snow Removal Bill Funding, was sent out in two payments. The first payment was for, October 1st 2022-December 31st 2022, the first snow removal. The recently received second payment was called Full Season Snow Removal, which covered October 1st 2022- April 30th 2023. All jurisdictions in LaMoure County were eligible, meaning they exceed 150% snow removal costs using their four lowest cost seasons between 2017 through 2022. It was up to the townships to get all the appropriate billing to the county for submission to the state. The state did the figuring and break down of what each township received.

SIRN alternative representative was tabled until next meeting.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, presented a list of all the inundated acres applicants. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve all presented, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carries.

Memorial Park Stream Bank- Chairman Flath filled out federal paperwork to make the county an entity with them. That will then go to the state for approval and back to LaMoure County

which will then make the county an entity that can accept money. Once all is approved, Teracon will do further investigation that will be Geo Thermal. This will be all part of the Emergency Water Shed Protection Program through NRCS office, who will be working closely with the county, since it is federal funds. The plan is to start this project this year. Geological tests hope to be done in July having results by August. Comm Miller approved to move forward with the next steps, Comm Klein seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin addressed our current software issue. CPT will be discontinuing service to North Dakota users July 31, 2025. The county has to sign the new Professional Service Agreement and Hosting Agreement with CPT by the end of July for 2024 and 2025. Jan is looking into another program and has a current quote with Tyler Technology. Tyler Technology said they would be able to start conversation of financial and payroll in July of 2024 and tax in December of 2024 if the county commits soon. There will be a little overlap on time between the two programs. The county might be in contacts with both programs.

Comm Weigel made a motion to go with Pifer’s Auction for the excess vehicles and equipment, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Break 9:50 a.m. to 10:01 a.m.

Deadline for the Garrison Diversion Matching Recreation Grant Program applications are due September 1st, 2023.

The LaMoure County Museum is seeking clarification on responsibilities of expenses. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	11,145.00
ALLIED ENERGY	11,953.51
BANKNORTH	830.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	61.50
BUILDERS MART	66.04
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	639.56
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	79.67
CITY OF LAMOURE	198.50
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	147.84
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	102.26
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	362.43
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,251.85
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
ESCOSUPPLY	11,840.00
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	1,794.45
GOOD OIL COMPANY	10,450.05
GOOD/LAURIE	476.96
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	3,323.54
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	635.53
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	263.90
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	94.32
KULM MESSENGER	275.00
KULM SERVICE	159.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,209.82
LAMOURE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DIST	177.00
LAMOURE HARDWARE	1,023.22
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	657.62
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	35.00
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	111.41

LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	82.50
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	42.89
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	602.46
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	982.06
PITNEY BOWES	2,000.00
PFIZER, INC.	1,600.19
QUILL CORPORATION	532.09
RACINE/JULIANNE	741.29
RAMADA BY WYNDHAM FARGO	176.40
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.58
TRUENORTH STEEL	4,730.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	539.49
VISTOS CARQUEST	249.13
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	417.04

Comm Heidinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor