

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING-
September 6, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 6, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger and Lee Miller, States Attorney James Shockman, Auditor Jan Hamlin, and Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle. DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins attended virtually. Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert was absent. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:27 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. The addition was the courthouse elevator. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath made a motion to approve the August 16 minutes, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Holly Braun with Agri Valley Insurance attended the meeting to discuss the county NDIRF insurance renewal. Ms. Braun started by informing the commissioners that there was a change in the legislation which increased the tort cap limit from \$1 million to \$1.5 million. She is wondering if the county would like to increase the general and auto liability from \$1 million to \$2 million. She handed out quotes for both. She also said the difference from the \$2 million to \$3 million would be \$700. After some discussion, Commission Miller made a motion to approve the \$3 million liability limit for NDIRF, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye motion carried.

Chairman Klein went over the road business. Tim is at training today out of town. They are doing final leveling on the Kartes Bridge site. The crane is scheduled for September 13th. There was a fiber optic cable that needed to be moved which set the project back three more days. The crusher is moving to the Kartes pit. The new sign truck is being used and is working well. Tim has reviewed and recommended approval of a driveway application and permit for Michael Sandness. The location is CR 60, 4 miles north of Hwy 13 on the west side. State's Attorney James Shockman said that the application and permit form has been updated and now contain all the terms and locations. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the driveway application for Michael Sandness, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tim recommended that the chairman and auditor sign the certification of local match for bridge inspection/load rating for BRC-BRC-0099(010) and for the certification of local match BRR-BRO-0023(050). Comm Miller made a motion that the chairman and auditor sign the certifications, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave an update on DR 4660 which is the North Dakota Severe Winter Storm and Flooding event from April 22, 2022, through May 25, 2022. The recovery scoping meeting is complete. We now need to get all the information to the state within 60 days. LaMoure County will have a few in-person site inspections which have damage over \$5000, or hazard mitigation requests which are sites where townships have had disaster after disaster. Those site inspections have been set for September 12 and 13. All the other information will be submitted electronically and with photos. The townships must have their damage descriptions and/or work completed before October 24. The invoices can be accepted 30 days after this date but must show that the work was completed before October 24.

Kimberly gave a James River update. The Adrian gage will be removed in mid-September. At this time, there is no plan to install a gage next year unless in flood operations. The max combined releases in 2022 were 1400 cfs from June 17 to August 1. The James River peaked at LaMoure just under 13 feet and at Adrian at 30 feet. The Bureau of Reclamation will begin repairs on the concrete floor of the Jamestown Dam so there will be no releases at that time. The pool is at conservation level. The Pipestem releases are 300 cfs as the flood control pool at Pipestem is nearly evacuated. Releases are ramping down to conservation levels. Chairman Klein made a comment that he has noticed since the flood rivers are down the streambanks have erosion. Does the Corp of Engineers ever look at that damage or take it into consideration? Kimberly will address that with the Corp of Engineers.

Kimberly mentioned September is National Preparedness Month. Protect your family and your property. Make a plan to prepare for disasters. Build a kit with everyone in mind.

Public Health Director Jessica Duffy attended virtually to discuss the building project. The architect needs the commissioners to make some decisions if we want the project to move forward. Jessica said

they need the total budget amount. The amount put in the budget for the total project including their fees are \$785,888. The next question is where are we going to build. Jessica said that back in March all commissioners were good with moving forward with the architect and using the location at Bank North, 19 Center Ave West. That was also the location approved by the Health Board. The reasons the Health Board approved the location was best for business, a good location for the community, the foot traffic there is higher, they are able to serve more people there, and the parking is good. The commissioners would like the architect to explore the courthouse grounds. It would save on demolition and make the ground stable for new construction. There are infrastructure concerns for the courthouse as a whole and this location may solve two or three other problems. It was mentioned that the building will be constructed so additions could be made in the future. The project needs to be completed in the next two years so it was decided to form a committee. The committee members will be Comm Flath, Comm Heidinger, Roger Loegering, and Jessica Duffy. The committee will have a zoom meeting with Icon in the next couple of weeks to get the project moving forward.

Jessica said that the COVID booster Bivalent should be in at Public Health on Thursday and they will start vaccinating on Friday.

Gilbert N Nelson VFW Post 1326 has applied for a gaming site authorization for the location of Grahams Haven, LLC in Adrian. State’s Attorney James Shockman said the paperwork looks complete with the correct information. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the gaming site authorization, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the polling location hours from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the 2022 General Election, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel said he has been looking into ideas for a new elevator for the courthouse. The current elevator is working fine but parts are getting hard to find if they break. It would be one million dollars to add a shaft to the side of the building with a new elevator. The current elevator shaft is small but something could be done to make it a commercial elevator. Another idea was to put an all-glass elevator in the middle of the courthouse which would be \$150,000 for the elevator alone with no labor. It was decided to keep exploring different options.

Break 9:41 a.m. to 9:53 a.m.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BANKNORTH	830.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	66.68
BUILDERS MART	41.59
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	318.00
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	79.66
COLE PAPERS INC	270.80
COMPUTER EXPRESS	454.99
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	154.33
DAKOTA RENTAL	96.30
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,397.55
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	124.20
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	3,132.65
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	3,295.70
GOOD OIL COMPANY	1,277.25
GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP	3,000.00
HAMLIN/JANICE	26.25
HEARTLAND STATEBANK/VISA	4,255.09
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	735.58
HUSKEY/SANTAYSHA	200.00
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	49.95
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	42,641.96
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	416.34
LAMOURE CITY	315.14
LAMOURE COUNTY 4-H	180.70
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	32.81
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	589.40

LAMOURE HARDWARE	289.85
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,234.08
LEAF	120.40
MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC	850.86
MODERN MARKETING	239.79
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	36.25
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	1,990.00
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	35.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	1,171.69
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	1,955.71
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	900.00
PEARL LAKE TOWNSHIP	3,000.00
PEPSI-COLA	254.85
PFIZER, INC.	2,416.02
PIEHL/KRIS	50.00
QUILL CORPORATION	604.20
RAMADA BISMARCK	345.60
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.20
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	200.00
RYAN TOWNSHIP	3,000.00
SANDNESS/SHANNON	53.13
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	3,455.59
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.85
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	38.75
VAN ZEE/LUCAS	540.07
VERIZON WIRELESS	604.03

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor