

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MEETING-September 20, 2022**

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Bruce Klein called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Lee Miller, Bob Flath, Keith Heidinger, and Jason Weigel were also present. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Tim Geinert, County Road Superintendent; Bryan Tykwinski, Engineer with KLJ; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle; Julianne Racine of County Extension; Denice Porter, Tax Director; Karin Boom, acting Secretary; James Shockman, State's Attorney; Barry and Vicky Toay, Betty and Steve Huber, and Greg Siedschlag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. Comm Flath added the Public Health Building project. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Klein called for a review of the minutes from September 8, 2022. Motion by Weigel to approve, seconded by Miller and passed.

Tim Geinert reported that the Highway Department has installed the Kartes box culvert. The work around the culvert and repair to the road is nearly complete. He presented two approach permit applications. The first was Maple River Colony's request to widen and correct an in slope on CR 61 south of CR31. If a culvert is necessary, the applicant is responsible for installing it. The second application was Cassie Christensen's request to install an approach with a 40' culvert included on CR 34 between CR 60 and ND1. Motion by Miller to approve both permit applications, seconded by Heidinger and passed. Geinert also reported that the crusher is working at the Kartes pit. The culvert situation is becoming increasingly difficult. Currently the inventory of 18"x40' culverts is depleted and replacement is not certain due to cost and availability. Two culverts measuring 6'x50' for an upcoming project are not here yet and he does not know if they will get here for this season. The County is planning to mow shoulders so they are uniformly short for the winter snow season. Chips for a project at the boat landing at Lake LaMoure and at the City of Kulm are in inventory and ready for those projects.

Bryan Tykwinski informed the board that the road surfacing and striping are completed. Klein asked him to check the curve near the airport as it was reported to be a little ridged or rough there. The bridge rehab project south of Adrian proposes adding 2 feet of width and a guardrail, new beams and deck. This project, the Brunsmann bridge removal and Heinrich replacement were recommended to be all bid together for a better bid.

Julianne Racine informed the board that the State Fair delegates for board review are herself and Eric Lahlum. Motion by Flath to appoint Racine and Lahlum, seconded by Miller and passed.

Flath gave an update on the County Health Building situation. Commissioners Flath and Miller serve on the committee. The proposed funding would have to be dedicated by the end of 2024 and be built by 2026. The committee suggested demolishing two buildings near the mall in LaMoure and building the new facility there. The County is not in favor of using County funds for demolition. Other options are under consideration as well. An architect has been chosen; the committee is just waiting for an option to present. The committee will direct the architect to give more information on building on the courthouse grounds. This will be added to future meeting agendas for updates.

Correspondence: NDDOT sent a letter asking for a review of sites in the county that may need railroad crossing upgrades. CR 62 near Grand Rapids was mentioned for recommendation due to very poor visibility at that crossing. Geinert will be directed to submit that location to NDDOT.

Park Board meeting for season wrap-up and planning is set for October 18, 2022, at 10:00AM during the regular meeting of the board.

9:10-9:25am Break

9:25am Tax Assessment Notices Meeting convened. Barry and Vicky Toay and Steven and Betty Huber appeared to request farm exemptions be granted on their properties. Denise Porter, Tax Director and Naomi Walker, Assessor were present to provide information. Mr. Toay explained that he had missed the

deadline because of life circumstances and was just asking for the board to give him an extension, or grant the request for exemption. Mrs. Huber said they had always lived at that location, but had just recently gotten ownership of the property by estate. She said they had not gotten any correspondence and had not read the legal notices printed in the LaMoure Chronicle. She had contacted Stutsman County to find out how they notified property owners. Porter described the procedures used to send notices to the taxpayers. This consisted of sending letters to all Township Boards requesting a listing of active farmers. Packets were sent to farmers in 2021 describing the process and eligibility requirements. The townships were asked as a service, not a requirement on their part. The onus is on the taxpayer to apply for the credit. The deadline for State forms applications is February 1 and was extended to March 31 for late forms submissions. State's Attorney James Shockman informed the board that they could approve an exemption before them on a majority vote if the property is proven to meet the requirements. He noted that legal notices are printed in all County Newspapers regarding exemption notices. Last year was a 'grace' year where all exemptions were given to give taxpayers time to meet with tax preparers, etc for upcoming years. His opinion is that if it is allowed at this time, it will establish a precedent for others who forget the deadlines or don't get their mail to make these requests. Chairman Klein called three times for a motion to abate. No motion to abate was offered and the requests were denied on that basis. The assessment meeting adjourned.

10:00am Public Hearing on the 2023 budget called to order. Approved Preliminary Budgets have been completed and are as follows: Total General Government- \$1,818,712. Total General Fund with Public Safety-\$2,605,796. Total Special Revenue Funds and Trust and Agency Funds-\$7,818,652. Non-Mill Expenditures pending distribution to the County-\$2,449,487 (Prairie Dog funding).

Mr. Greg Siedschlag appeared with an inquiry about a property tax question. It was determined that it was not a budget question and he was referred to the Tax Director. Budget meeting adjourned.

10:10 regular meeting resumed. Auditor Hamlin informed the board that the County Museum was asking for the old copier in the Auditor's Office. She said it is no longer in use by them and it could be turned over. Commissioners Flath and Weigel will be attending the 5 County meeting. The next meeting of the Commission will be set for Wednesday, October 5, 2022, because of the annual conference of NDACo. This meeting will set delinquent property values and finalize the budget. Hamlin stated that Tanya Wieler, Human Resources consultant will be here tomorrow for three sessions. Miller and Heidinger will attend at 11:00, Klein at 10:00 and Flath at 1:00. She also stated that 1502 ballot applications were mailed out on Monday.

Motion by Heidinger to pay bills presented, seconded by Weigel and passed.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	59,301.00
ALLIED ENERGY	507.05
AT&T MOBILITY	62.18
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER	170.00
BI INCORPORATED	123.20
BIEGLER'S /C & S MOTOR SPORTS	74.95
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,786.63
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,922.37
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	478.41
CITY VIEW FUEL	38.25
COLE PAPERS INC	177.83
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,460.35
D & B PORTABLES LLC	225.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	101.36
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	43.63
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	474.48
DALLMANN/CORALYNN	43.75
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	693.76
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	1,324.26
ENDERLIN INDEPENDENT	130.20

ESCOSUPPLY	1,590.96
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	3,544.08
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	684.43
HEIDINGER/KEITH	307.50
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	38.50
HWY. 13 ONE-STOP SHOP, INC	85.28
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,431.85
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	124.66
KLEIN/BRUCE	316.88
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	4,692.68
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	204.99
KULM MESSENGER	130.20
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	701.62
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	130.20
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	25.33
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	52.93
LAMOURE HARDWARE	290.92
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	1,484.50
LARSON GRAIN CO	601.45
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	50.60
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	130.20
LITTLE LOBOES BRIGHT BEGINNINGS	200.00
MAC'S HARDWARE	143.93
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	564.98
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	71.10
MILLER/LEE	272.50
MOBILE BINDERS	119.93
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	38.28
NATIONAL PEN CO. LLC	195.94
ND DEPT OF CORRECT & REHABILITATION	75.00
NORTH CENTRAL RENTAL & LEASING LLC	10,550.40
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	775.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	4,444.66
PHARMCHEM INC	157.25
PIEHL/TORIE	207.50
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC.	11,798.04
PORTER/DENICE	221.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	174.42
QUALITY INN	259.20
QUILL CORPORATION	49.99
RACINE/JULIANNE	211.25
RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	843.60
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	252.50
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,481.44
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	59.70
STAR BUSINESS FORMS	675.08
STEFFES EXCAVATION & TRUCKING LLC	1,080.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	19.00
STUTSMAN CO CORRECTION CENTER	2,625.00
TRI-COUNTY NEWS	130.20
TRUENORTH STEEL	15,872.72
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	233.37
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	412.35
VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER	1,500.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	604.02
WEIGEL/JASON	250.00
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00
YOUNG INNOVATIONS	601.99

10:45 Meeting adjourned

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

