

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

At 8:30 a.m., Chairman Jason Weigel called the meeting to order and opened by reciting the pledge of allegiance. Commissioners: Keith Heidinger, Lee Miller, Bruce Klein and Robert Flath were present. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; Fallon Kelly, State's Attorney; Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle; Melissa Godlewski and Raymond Godlewski.

Chairman Weigel called for additions to the agenda. There were no additions. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Weigel called for a review of the September 17 commissioner meeting minutes. Comm Klein recommended a sentence be changed to read: There was a study done and LaMoure County went down \$10,000 in Prairie Dog funding. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, presented a Utility Permit application for Dakota Valley Cooperative to bore under CR 34 1,425 feet east of CR 34, 110th Ave SE. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the utility permit, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Darrick reported that the CR 35 Jud project shoulders were done and the only thing left was the rails on the bridge west of Jud. Bryan with KLJ said that a box culvert extension instead of the rails would be a good way to go since the rails would take up road width. Bryan, also suggested reduce speed signs at that location. The box culvert extension should be eligible for flex spending dollars. The haul road inspection hasn't been done, since they are still hauling the mills to the county pit.

Road finished patching on CR 35, the Nortonville Road, and CR 65 north of Jud. They need to patch on CR 34 between Grand Rapids and CR 61. The county will be mowing all county roads next week.

Darrick said that the Road Department is waiting until spring or summer next year for the dust pods on CR 34.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, joined the meeting. Jessica informed the board that \$3,500 was invested in advertising "overcoming opioids" from June to August 2024. The opioid abuse and prevention campaign reached thousands.

County Extension Agent, Julianne Racine, introduced the new LaMoure County Family and Community Wellness Extension Agent, Danielle Dinger. Julianne let the board know she reviewed the NDSU Extension Financial Partnership Policy and nothing has changed since 2019. State's Attorney, Fallon Kelly, mentioned that the commitment of county funds for County Agent is limited by state statute.

Comm Miller made a motion to renew NDIRF at a two million liability limit, which is the same as last year, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Klein brought up for discussion the Red River Valley water supply project, which was a presentation at the last meeting. The county should decide at the next meeting if they would like to participate and pass a contingency agreement. The commitment would lock the county in on the project, but no payments would be required until 2027. If any industries that would need water would locate in LaMoure County in the future, it would be in place. It was also discussed that if the county changed their mind, the county could always sell its share.

Comm Klein made a motion to follow the In-State Lodging rate of \$99 per night effective October 1, 2024, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Klein made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget with no changes from the Preliminary, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, gave an election update. As of September 30, a total of 973 ballots have been mailed or picked up and three ballots have been returned. Hamlin has found election workers for all locations and is working on backup and setting the training dates. Her office has started logic and accuracy testing on the election equipment. Hamlin will let the board know when the Public Testing of the election equipment has been set.

Break 9:23 a.m. to 9:33 a.m.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ADVANCE BUSINESS METHODS	77.23
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	29.00
ANCHOR MARKETING	737.20
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	85.70
BECKMAN SEPTIC LLC	300.00
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	18,495.72
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	6,450.65
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	6,866.05
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	80.05
CITY OF LAMOURE	237.50
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,395.98
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	105.53
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,161.85
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	57.75
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	930.58
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	15,128.29
GOOD OIL COMPANY	850.20
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	584.42
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	62.61
KLEVER/DARCY	80.40
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	77,795.93
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	250.00
LAMOURE YOUTH BASEBALL	75.00
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	52.74
MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC	1,412.58
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	40.94
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	5,915.28
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	1,690.40
PFIZER, INC.	2,573.09
PITNEY BOWES	1,000.00
PORTER/DENICE	250.40
RAMADA BISMARCK	770.40
RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR	8,236.11
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	258.62
SD LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ASSIST PROGR	125.00
STOUDT MILLER, INC.	265.33
TEVES CONSTRUCTION	1,691.52
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	9,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	215.85
VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER	1,500.00
WALKER/NAOMI	36.00

Melissa Godlewski wanted the board to know that she found out from the state there are state grant dollars available for road projects. The board was aware of the funding. KLJ keeps up to

date with all the various state and federal grants available to counties for road projects. The Godlewski's inquired if they could get a copy of the road project schedule. They were provided a copy.

Chairman Weigel adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024

JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor