

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MEETING-Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

At 8:25 a.m. Chairman Bruce Klein called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Bob Flath, Keith Heidinger, and Jason Weigel were also present. Commissioner Lee Miller, present by phone. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Tim Geinert, County Road Superintendent; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle; Karin Boom, acting Secretary; James Shockman, State's Attorney; Kimberly Robbins, Emergency Manager; Jessica Duffy, Public Health Director, Cindy Worrell, County Treasurer.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. Weigel added Memorial Park business for discussion. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Klein called for a review of the minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting. Motion by Comm Flath to approve, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Tim Geinert reported that the Highway Department has completed the Kartes box culvert, just a few finishing touches and the final survey are left. 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. There are no 20' or 40' culverts available at all. Two 75' pipes are not available for a current project on the schedule. That project will not be completed if the culverts don't arrive soon. They will try to do the Bear Creek culverts yet this fall. Chair Klein suggested contacting other bidders as all bids are accepted in the bidding process. The County ran ads for two weeks regarding the ditch mowing policy. They are also hauling rocks to the pit. The Fortera company has been sold to Renker and the billing from Fortera was mistakenly sent to LaMoure Community Development with \$18,000 tax added. Geinert is working on getting the billing adjusted. There is some damage from muskrat tunnels along the inslope on the Litchville Road where the new surface was installed that will be repaired. The micro surfacing material has been stockpiled for future use. Six miles of CR 163 have been graveled. Blades will finish all roads barring unforeseen weather. He also reported on the annual meeting of the Association of Counties. Two representatives from NDDOT will visit the County to assess the needs for projects involving Federal Aid. The Prairie Dog funding should be available by mid-February, 2023.

Kimberly Robbins gave the board an update on FEMA DR 4660 applications. Reports, invoices and photos are due by the hard deadline of October 24, 2022. If they do not arrive by that date, they will not be considered. The applications will be under review for 60 days. Township and County funding will probably be determined after the first of the year.

Comm Flath and Jessica Duffy reported that the committee for the Public Health site met with the architects to review sites. Have not heard back from the architect.

County Treasurer Cindy Worrell discussed an abatement question with the board. When a taxpayer questioned an amount owed on a property, it was determined that the Vanguard Assessment placed a structure on a wrong property. The taxpayer called on 1/24/22 and paid the taxes on 1/27/22. She does not recommend an abatement on that payment as it has been corrected on future taxes. Motion by Comm Heidinger to approve the recommendation of no abatement, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Chair Klein informed the board that the proposed 2023 Budget has been published and passed the period of comment and estimated tax statements have been published with these numbers. Motion by Comm Heidinger to approve the budget in the amount of \$7,818,652 as proposed, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Auditor Hamlin informed the board that 982 election ballots had been sent out and as of yesterday 21 have been returned. The Express Vote equipment has been set up at the courthouse and is available during regular business hours. She also said Tanya Wieler with Human Resources will be here today for 3 sessions.

Jason Weigel reported that the Memorial Park bathhouse is nearly finished. He asked for the cement to be billed separately for budgeting purposes. An exhaust fan to reduce humidity in the bathhouse will be

installed at an additional \$600 cost. It is needed for safety purposes to reduce falls from moisture accumulation. The stage at the auditorium has been caving in and an assessment of the cause and estimate for repairs will be coming. Comm Flath also said the streambank erosion repair in the park is failing and the Feds are sending engineers to look at it. They will be responsible for the repair because they were on-site for the project. Comm Miller reported a tree jam in the river northeast of the auditorium in the park. The river is nearly filled with trees that are not moving. It will be looked at and discussed at the next meeting.

In other business, the NDACo conference passed all resolutions, some with modifications. Other discussions included upcoming changes in NDPERS, property tax relief and funding K-12 by a proposed 30 mills from the Legacy Fund. Three delinquent properties will be valued at the next meeting. The obsolete copier from the Auditor's Office will be transferred to the County Museum. The 5 County meeting is on October 6, 2022 in Ellendale.

Break: 9:20-9:25

Bills were reviewed. Motion by Comm Heidinger to pay bills presented, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLIED ENERGY	84.18
BANKNORTH	1,330.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	111.28
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	255.21
BUILDERS MART	193.58
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	79.66
COMPUTER EXPRESS	199.99
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	293.85
DAKOTA FLUID POWER, INC.	746.15
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTION	48.80
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,290.91
GOOD OIL COMPANY	9,556.66
HAMLIN/JANICE	219.38
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,253.76
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	7,600.58
HUBER/PARKER	100.00
JANGULA/MILES	100.00
KALE/BRENT	673.68
KLEIN/REECE	85.96
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	7,229.44
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	50.97
KULM MESSENGER	88.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	792.20
LAMOURE CITY	226.14
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	95.29
LAMOURE HARDWARE	805.72
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	409.51
LEAF	120.40
LITTLE LOBOES BRIGHT BEGINNINGS	200.00
LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC.	69.25
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	824.74
PHARMCHEM INC	125.80
PIEHL/TORIE	251.88
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
QUILL CORPORATION	309.65
RACINE/JULIANNE	89.38
RAMKOTA HOTEL	86.40
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	136.25
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	8,063.03
SENGER/JULIE	187.50
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,453.48
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	51.92
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	7,025.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	349.71

9:50 Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor