

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023**

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

Chairman Flath called for additions to the agenda. Additions are to appoint a South Country Human Service Zone board member and delinquent property values. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the September 19th, 2023, commissioner minutes and September 22nd, 2023 special commissioner minutes. A motion was made by Comm Miller to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, informed the board that he has been in contact with RDO Equipment inquiring about a road grinder. They are willing to work with the county by taking a down payment and the county paying the rest next year which would work with amending the budget.

The board received a driveway permit from Larson Grain Company in Adrian. Darrick didn't see any reason to not approve. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the driveway permit, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Darrick gave an update on road business. The crew has finished all the patching near Jud for the year. All 4,400 yards of rock have been hauled and crushed into chips, that should be enough for the next couple of years.

Darrick has been in contact with TrueNorth Steel regarding culverts. Darrick claims that by working with TrueNorth, he can purchase culverts for a fraction of the price box culverts would cost with FEMA. Darrick stated that choosing TrueNorth is the better option for the county.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented to the board the progress of DR4717 and presented the subgrant agreement for approval. The townships have until October 10th to submit paperwork and data. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the DR4717 agreement, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath presented the Memorial Park James River Bank Stabilization Project nationwide permit. The U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is completing the design this week and will likely go up for bid next week. There could be a contractor on sight as soon as November 1st.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, presented the Opioids Marketing Plan. The county currently has \$4,091.33 in the opioid settlement account. Jessica proposed using a social media business, Anchor Marketing, to create a focused advertisement specifically for opioids. This campaign would cost approximately \$5,000 and would last three months. The Board of Commissioners prefers to defer the decision to the Public Health Board on this matter. Jessica also let the board know that the Litchville-Marion School had contacted Public Health in regards to creating an internship to allow students the opportunity to experience on-the-job shadowing. The school explained that sometimes this is a paid position of roughly \$10 an hour or minimum wage, but pay is not required. Inquiries regarding the regulations for this position will be directed to human resources by the LCPH Board.

The commission reviewed the 2024 county budget. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the 2024 county budget as presented, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

As of October 1st, the North Dakota state lodging rate has increased to \$96.30. Comm Weigel made a motion to increase the rate, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

In regards to the state fair delegates, Julianne Racine and Eric Lahlum have served as the delegates in the past. These two people have offered to be appointed once more. Comm Heidinger made a motion to appoint Julianne Racine and Eric Lahlum, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried

Comm Klein has completed research on the Veteran's Service officer position and office location for the position. The commission has decided to make the position 16 hours a week with a pay range of \$18-\$25, veterans' reference does apply. The application deadline is October 20th. Comm Heidinger made a motion to publish an ad for the Veteran's Service officer position, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Break 9:37AM-9:53AM

Comm Heidinger, a board member for the South Country Human Services Zone, stated that the board would like to add members. The board decided to appoint Mike Brandenburg. A motion to appoint Mike Brandenburg to the South Country Human Services Zone board was made by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

As of October 1st, twelve parcels and eight different owners have not paid their 2020 taxes and are now county property. Chairman Flath, Comm Weigel, and Comm Heidinger had properties falling within their districts. These commissioners will be meeting with the Tax Director, Denice Porter, to set the property values. Those delinquent property owners have until November 21st to pay all three delinquent years in order for the properties to not go up for sale.

NDDOT sent a letter regarding federal funds available for safety enhancement projects at rail crossings. The county is looking at CR 63 rail crossing near Grand Rapids.

The construction policy for the new garage located at the courthouse was presented to the board.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ANDERSON/JAKE	31,320.00
BANKNORTH	830.00
BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER	2,674.96
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	71.50
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	83.50
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	179.66
CITY OF LAMOURE	118.50
COLE PAPERS INC	314.98
COMPUTER EXPRESS	835.99
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
COUNTY LINE MACHINE, LLC	231.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	314.24
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,289.51
EDGELEY SCHOOL	25.80
ESCOSUPPLY	250.00
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	1,733.25
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	17,632.15
GALLS, LLC	123.67
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	5,540.52
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,036.52
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	1,448.12
HIGH PLAINS TECHNOLOGY	379.00
HIGHWAY 13 SPRAY FOAM LLC	11,000.00
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	5,621.90

KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	45.97
KULM MESSENGER	247.50
KULM SERVICE	84.00
L & S WORREL TRUCKING, INC.	180.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	784.12
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	35.95
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	986.72
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	122.50
LARSEN LIGHTS LLC	629.54
LEAF	120.40
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	1,516.33
NDSU AG COMMUNICATION	220.00
NDSU DEPT 3110	35.00
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	97.61
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	305.00
PFIZER, INC.	2,688.63
PURCHASE POWER	4.98
QUILL CORPORATION	113.16
RACINE/JULIANNE	703.34
RAMADA BISMARCK	352.80
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	12,052.90
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,629.47
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	391.92
TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC.	732.25
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	305.04
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	8,825.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	678.39
WEBER/SARAH	209.60

Chairman Flath adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor