

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, November 7th, 2023**

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

Chairman Flath called for additions to the agenda. There was one addition, the Memorial Park Streambank. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the October 17th, 2023, commissioner minutes. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, presented to the board an approach permit for Ryan Township. This permit is on a township road and they just want to widen the approach. This doesn't need to be approved as it's just a courtesy. Darrick also presented the county right-of-way acquisition for KLJ and bridge right-of-way paperwork for a signature. A motion to approve was made by Comm Klein to approve the right-of-way acquisition for KLJ, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried. Darrick also informed the board that all the salt and sand are in for the upcoming winter season. Ditches are all mowed and bales are moved.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented to the board the Barnes County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This would be an agreement between Barnes and LaMoure County for mutual aid. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the Barnes County MOU, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. Kimberly also brought to the board the Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan. Kimberly encouraged the board to begin by signing the letter of participation and secondly apply for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program. The Multi-Hazard plan takes roughly six months to get a complete review which is why she's suggesting starting now as the deadline to enroll is November 22nd, 2023. Comm Weigel made a motion to participate in the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Miller made a motion to apply for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

NDACo NexGen 911 coordinator, Jason Horning, presented the 911 surcharge distribution proposal. NDACo is proposing that the subscribers send a check to the 'NG9-1-1 JPA' account with a line item for every county where the subscriber provides services instead of the subscribers sending an individual check directly to every county. Chairman Flath tabled the discussion in order to have the State's Attorney review further.

FEMA Region 8 is requesting how counties are providing flood insurance ordinances. Currently flood plain ordinances are established in the City of LaMoure, the City of Edgeley, and Grand Rapids Township. Kimberly will put together a document for the chairman to sign before sending it.

The county has received a quarterly report from Avid Hawk, the county's webpage provider. The webpage had 15,000 hits throughout the quarter and was within compliance of accessibilities.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, informed the commission that the health board has approved the media campaign using the opioid settlement funds. Comm Heidinger made a motion to use the opioid settlement money up to \$4,091.33 to the media campaign, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried. Kris Piehl then educated the commission on Narcan.

Break 9:52AM-10:00AM

Park Board meeting: 10:00 am-10:54 am.

The regular commissioner meeting reconvened at 10:54 am.

Clerk of Court, Billi Warcken, presented to the board the Court Facilities improvement grant application. If the county is awarded this grant, the court would pay for 75% of the costs and the county pay 25%. Billi has plans to use the grant money to purchase a larger computer monitor in order to make the workplace more functional. Comm Klein made a motion to apply for the court facilities improvement grant, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath gave an update on the Memorial Park James River Bank Stabilization Project. The commission received one bid for \$5,000,000.00 however the engineers estimate the project would cost approximately \$850,000. Comm Klein made a motion to reject the bid, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried. Chairman Flath reopened the Memorial Park James River Bank Stabilization Project for bids.

Sheriff, Robert Fernandes, presented to the board the Cass County Attendant Care Agreement. This agreement would cost the county \$1,500 annually in place of the \$520 a day. The Attendant Care Agreement and 2024 Stutsman County Correctional Center Contract were tabled.

The Veteran's Service Officer received two applicants. The Commission has since received other options from neighboring counties. The commission made a motion not to proceed with filling the open position and instead pursue the joint powers agreements with neighboring counties made by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	56,924.00
ALLIED ENERGY	920.21
ANDERSON/JAKE	15,660.00
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	71.50
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	532.88
CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT	3,069.75
CITY OF KULM	79.66
CITY OF LAMOURE	169.00
COLE PAPERS INC	198.27
COMPUTER EXPRESS	799.99
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,213.19
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	2,590.59
DUFFY/JESSICA	29.48
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV	236.21
EDGELEY SCHOOL	35.00
EVERSPRING INN & SUITES BISMARCK	385.20
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	7,871.82
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	7,573.44
GOOD OIL COMPANY	26,147.70
GOOD/LAURIE	356.32
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,533.47
HEINEN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC.	875.00
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	17,727.57
HIGH PLAINS WATER	252.50
HWY. 13 ONE-STOP SHOP, INC	282.98
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,807.60
I3G MEDIA	100.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	1,716.39

KETTERLING/JACKIE	47.16
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	311.91
KULM MESSENGER	467.50
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	993.62
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	2.29
LAMOURE HARDWARE	1,566.12
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	520.57
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	10.00
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	250.00
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	52.21
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	102.97
MARQUART/ANDREW S.	288.00
MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS INC	12,619.78
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	43.54
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	15.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	19,357.14
NDACO	1,323.08
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	5,431.65
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	155.00
ORRIGINALS INC	187.14
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	1,154.70
PIEHL/KRIS	214.30
PIEHL/TORIE	274.80
QUILL CORPORATION	252.63
RACINE/JULIANNE	796.44
RIDDLE/JAMES	146.55
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	79.91
SHOCKMAN/JAMES	68.12
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	911.16
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	225.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.32
TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC.	48,404.00
ULMER/AL	72.05
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	32.75
VERIZON WIRELESS	567.87
WARCKEN/BILLI	70.09

Chairman Flath adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor