

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, December 19th, 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; James Shockman, States Attorney; Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ; Trent, Butler Machinery and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle, attending virtually was Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator.

Chairman Flath called for additions to the agenda. Abatements were added to the agenda. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the December 5th 2023, commissioner minutes. A motion was made by Comm Klein to approve commissioner minutes, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, gave an update on the blade purchase progress. The blade that is being replace is currently without warranty, the machine does qualify for extended warranty at extra cost though. The extended warranty would cover the machine for twelve months or 500 hours whichever comes first. Comm Heidinger made a motion to purchase the blade from Butler Machinery, seconded by Comm Miller. Roll call vote: Comm Klein-yes; Comm Miller-yes; Comm Heidinger-yes; Comm Weigel-yes; and Chairman Flath-yes. All voting aye, motion carried.

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had special guests Wayne Giles and Mark Sornen from Dust Pods present how the polymers work and the special they have going on until January. Secondly, Darrick informed the board that the Road Department is still in the market for finding a semi.

KJL, Bryan Tykwinski, updated the board on the progress of the Grand Rapids and Adrian bridge replacements. Designs are moving along well; permits are taking a little bit to get up and going. The rehab project South of Adrian, KLJ hasn't gotten the most reasonable bids and is thinking to see if the NDDOT would help fund as a replacement project instead, KLJ has not heard back yet. The Jud pavement design is moving along but isn't quite the results they were hoping. Brian gave a reminder that the Flex Funding is due by the end of the year, December 31st. The equipment purchasing will not qualify for the funding but the labor and contract pricing can be submitted

Edgeley Superintendent, Tyler Hanson, presented to the board the new Edgeley Career and Tech Academy. Currently, the construction funding for the Academy will be coming from a 2.3-million-dollar grant, local assessment Edgeley, SRCTC, and seeking any donations. At this time the Academy is looking to see if the county has any levy specific for economic development to help fund the project, the board is unable to contribute to the Academy at this time as the budget has been set for the year 2024.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented to the board a 9-1-1 update that there will be a Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 7th. At this meeting, they will be discussing the SORN update. Then on December 11th Kimberly will be attending the North Dakota 911 Associations meeting and North Dakota State Radio County meeting, at those meetings discussions will be the NDACo 911 fee collections and SORN Update.

Break 9:42AM-10:57AM

Chairman Flath received a resignation letter from States Attorney, James Shockman, effective January 1st, 2024. James informed the board that the county is limited in options. To be the

state attorney, you'd have to be a qualified elector in the county. At this time James is unaware of any attorneys within the county. Dickey County, Kim Radermacher, and Ransom County, Fallon Kelly were both willing to step in as interim States Attorney. Another option is there is a recruitment program through the state. Comm Weigel made a motion to accept the States Attorney, James Shockman, resignation; seconded by comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to request assistance from our neighboring county, Fallon Kelly, to fill in as interim States Attorney; seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath presented an update on the open Veteran Service Officer. Currently, Chairman Flath has requested some proposals from neighboring counties, chairman has received two of the three counties' proposals. Those two counties are offering two days a month to be in-house. Veterans Service Officer has been tabled.

The commission received two beer and liquor license applications. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve Dakota Summers and Horseshoe Saloon beer and liquor licenses with Sunday sales, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

NDPERS Public Safety Retirement increased from 16.45% to 18.04% in January. At this time the county is unsure who will pay the 1.59% difference. There are currently three employees eligible for the NDPER Public Safety Retirement. Chairman Flath tabled the topic.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, presented the current election precincts with recommendations they stay as is. Comm Weigel made a motion to keep precincts as they are, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Jan then brought up the topic of if we'd like to continue to be a vote-by-mail county. Comm Miller made a motion to continue to be a vote by mail county, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Jan suggested that we continue to have two polling locations, one in LaMoure and one in Edgeley.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	50.00
ALLIED ENERGY	23,617.93
ANCHOR MARKETING	500.00
AT&T MOBILITY	62.28
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	1,700.82
BARCODES INC. LLC	391.09
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,331.00
CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	1,612.25
CENEX FLEETCARD	991.57
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	145.97
COLE PAPERS INC	426.24
COMPUTER EXPRESS	4,363.96
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	48.73
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	65.31
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
ELECTRO WATCHMAN INC	2,756.00
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	3,360.54
FLATH/ROBERT	426.20
GALLS, LLC	194.95
GREAT PLAINS TOWERS	915.97
HIEDINGER/KEITH	312.66
HOMETOWN ELECTRIC LLC	12,980.34
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,780.30
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	142.05
I3G MEDIA	200.00
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	10,929.70
KLEIN/BRUCE	211.79
KULM SERVICE	435.67
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	1,340.11
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,045.76

LAMOURE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	1,381.93
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	49.47
LAMOURE HARDWARE	380.68
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	52.81
MILLER/LEE	413.97
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	57.20
ND SAFETY COUNCIL	359.00
ND SECRETARY OF STATE	36.00
NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	210.00
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	3,509.99
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,491.96
PITNEY BOWES	1,000.00
QUILL CORPORATION	89.12
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.88
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	543.65
SCHMOKER/RON	6,507.22
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	649.80
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	3,199.72
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	3,220.00
TITAN MACHINERY	787.66
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	6,042.00
VARI SALES CORPORATION	85.50
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	671.82
VISTOS CARQUEST	187.17
WASTE MANAGEMENT	315.86
WEIGEL/JASON	352.40
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00
ZACK'S REPAIR, INC	487.00

Chairman Flath adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023

 JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

 JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor