

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, February 20th, 2024**

At 8:30 am 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; Katie Sarbaum, States Attorney Assistant; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Attending virtually was Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator.

Chairman Weigel called for additions to the agenda. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Weigel called for a review of the February 6th 2024, commissioner minutes. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve commissioner minutes, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, started with quotes for the generators. The first quote was \$5,600 per unit from Novak out of Oakes. These units are 7500 watts with an automatic transfer switch wired and connected to propane. The total for the five shops would be \$28,000. The second quote from Allied Energy in Edgeley is \$1,800 higher per unit. Darrick will be getting more quotes.

The crew has been hauling chips and are about half done. They will be doing more on CR 60, the Berlin road from the tracks going north, and CR 66 north of Jud.

The state put on load restrictions yesterday. Other counties around us have put them on as well. Comm Klein made a motion put on the load restriction, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Darrick said there is a new Agriculture Infrastructure Grant program the county will have to explore.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented on the outdoor warning siren maintenance. The outdoor warning sirens were purchased with a Hazard Mitigation Grant for the cities in 2005; Memorial Park siren was purchased in 2019; City of Berlin upsized their siren in 2023; and Lake LaMoure siren is to be installed in the spring of 2024. LaMoure County provided preventative maintenance to LaMoure, Kulm, Berlin, Verona and Edgeley sirens in 2011. LaMoure County provided preventative maintenance to Dickey, Jud and Berlin sirens in 2014. In 2015, LaMoure County assisted with preventative maintenance/repair for the Marion siren. If each city does their own maintenance, it would cost them \$700. A quote of \$2,900 would include LaMoure, Verona, Edgeley, Kulm, Jud, Marion and Dickey. A quote of \$3,300 would include LaMoure, Verona, Berlin, Edgeley, Kulm, Jud, Marion and Dickey. This expense will come out of the county general. This should be done every five to ten years. Comm Klein made a motion to do the preventative maintenance for the cities of LaMoure, Verona, Edgeley, Kulm, Jud, Marion and Dickey for \$2,900, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

LaMoure County for many years has participated in the NDPERS employer-based wellness program. If you are a participant, you receive a 1% premium discount on health insurance which would be approximately \$11,800 for the current year. The commissioners will need to appoint a Wellness Coordinator and sign a commitment agreement by February 28 to continue with the program. Comm Heidinger made a motion to appoint Jessica Duffy, the LaMoure Public Health Director, as the Wellness Coordinator, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

NDSU Extension Agent, Julianne Racine, informed the board that the Extension office will have a Family and Community Wellness Intern this summer. The intern will begin May 20th and will be interning for 12 weeks.

Clerk of District Court Services, Billi Warcken, gave the board an update on caseloads over the last three years and the funding. Comm Heidinger made a motion to enter into a funding agreement biennial for the years of 2025-2027.

Comm Flath brought to the board a request from the James River Sportsman’s Club. The club is requesting the county to sponsor them for a grant through the Garrison Diversion. This grant would fund the Twin Lake Vault Restroom at 25%. Comm Heidinger made a motion to sponsor the James River Sportsman’s Club for the Garrison Diversion grant, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath gave an update on the Memorial Park Streambank. The project is moving forward and is expected to begin next week. The cost of some materials has increased by \$31,325. However, since the water level of the river is low, three items aren’t needed saving \$234,188 which is a net gain of \$200,000. Comm Flath made a motion to change order as presented, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Park board meeting is set for March 5th.

Notice of bid, NW ¼ 21-134-61, 36.59 acres more or less tillable land. The deadline for bids is March 1st, opened at the March 5th meeting.

Break

VSO, Angela Hunt and her deputy Tammy Jacobson were present to introduce themselves to the board.

Office of Supreme Court has accepted LaMoure County into the Rural Attorney Recruitment Program.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY	264.00
AT&T MOBILITY	62.34
BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER	85.00
BISMARCK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	192.60
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	210.04
BOOM/KARIN	539.36
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	229.45
CENEX FLEETCARD	906.16
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	305.99
COMPUTER EXPRESS	49.99
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,572.00
CROWN TROPHY	65.98
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	95.38
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
GOOD/LAURIE	500.00
GRANDMA BLUE'S BAKERY & CAFE	180.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	415.24
HENRY SCHEIN	165.24
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	64.99
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,787.40
IWORQ	3,000.00
I3G MEDIA	249.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	134.37
KLEIN/BRUCE	789.46
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	6,891.95
KOVAL/JUDY	60.00
KROPP LAW OFFICES P C	67.50
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	692.88
MARQUART/ANDREW S.	198.00
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	32,427.25
MILLER/LEE	416.58

ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	7,993.00
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	13.24
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7260	725.00
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	78.48
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	7,776.07
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	4,337.91
PEPSI-COLA	230.19
PORTER/DENICE	273.40
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	330.87
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	50.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	372.54
VISTOS CARQUEST	108.08
WALKER/NAOMI	59.00
WEIGEL/JASON	380.40
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00
Z'S TREES RESIDENTIAL, LLC	7,000.00

Chairman Weigel adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF March, 2024

JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor