

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, February 6th, 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 also present. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; Cindy Worrel, Treasurer; Katie Sarbaum, States Attorney Assistant; Matt Lange, KLJ 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 Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Weigel called for a review of the January 16th 2024, commissioner minutes. A motion was made by Comm Klein to approve commissioner minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, presented to the board an updated pricing guide with a price increase on blading, crack sealing & leveling. Comm Klein made a motion to adopt the 2024 proposed pricing, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Darrick also brought up that with the previous ice storm the shops lost power. That being said, there's no heat and the equipment is stuck in buildings because you can't open the garage doors. Darrick suggested purchasing and plumbing in 2500-watt generator at each shop. The generators are roughly \$500 apiece and the county would need to purchase five along with the cost of wiring in switches. Next, Darrick brought up that the bridge south of Jud on 74th and 63rd, in Bluebird Township, will not be funded by the DOT. If the county were to remove the bridge DOT will pay for the removal, if the county were to fix it, the county will be responsible to fund the project.

KLJ, Matt Lange, updated the board on the Grand Rapids bridge project. The bridge west of Adrian is aimed for the fall of 2024. The rehab project south of Adrian has become a replacement and been pushed back to January of 2027. However, the project southwest of Adrian is on schedule. Currently, the County Road 35 paving project would cost roughly \$5,000,000 if the county completed all 12 miles, but the county does have three options that are at a lesser cost. Comm Heidinger made a motion to put bids out on repairing 9 miles with fiber from Jud to Highway 281 and then the 12 miles without fiber from County Road 66 to Highway 281, seconded by Comm Miller. Roll call vote: Comm Heidinger-yes; Comm Miller-yes; Comm Klein-yes; Comm Flath-yes; and Chairman Weigel-yes. All voting aye, motion carried. Matt also reminded the Commission that flex funding was award to Golden Glen and Nora. If any townships needed help to reach out. Comm Heidinger made a motion to pay the bills and reimburse within two weeks, seconded by Comm Klein. All aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented February is heart wellness month. Kimberly returned the tabled topic of wellness program agreement and coordinator appointment, to the board. With further discussion the board has tabled appointing a coordinator at this time. Next, Kimberly discussed with the board the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, this grant would be for \$4,100 with a local cost share of \$633.45. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the local cybersecurity, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried. Lastly, Kimberly presented a spring outlook, the James River is currently near normal to below normal conditions. There will be another review coming February 15th.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, update the board on current abatements. Cindy also informed the board that BankNorth is now partnered with IntraFi. IntraFi is an investor that would sweep the funds out that are over \$200,000 and accrue interest at 4.8%. Comm Klein made a motion to become a member with IntraFi, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

The City of LaMoure would like to forgive the specials and taxes on parcel number 33-0125120 and 33-0125111 which is located at 24 1st Ave SE, LaMoure. They ask that the county do the

same and the city would like the opportunity to take possession of that property from the county. Comm Flath made a motion to release the taxes on the two LaMoure foreclosure parcels and let the City of LaMoure purchase those parcels for \$1 each, seconded by Comm Klein. All aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to enter into joints power agreement with Barnes County for the Veterans Service Office starting February 6th, 2024, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath made a motion to sell Public Health’s old desks at the BankNorth mall with a minimum bid of \$25, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to reappointCarolynn Dallman to Health Board, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath made a motion to reappoint Comm Heidinger to the South Country Human Service Zone Board, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve BCRA local permit, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath gave an update on the Memorial Park Streambank bids that were due Friday, January 26th. The county received three bids with the lowest being Gladen at \$1,242,566.50. Extra funding was approved by the federal government. Game and Fish need 72 hours’ notice to look at equipment that will be going in water. Comm Flath made motion to move forward securing a contract with Gladen to complete the work contingent on federal funding agreement and other federal requirement are met, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

The court facilities improvement grant award was approved and two 30-inch computer monitors were purchased.

The FEMA appeal process is open January 24th, 2024 to April 23rd, 2024.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Joe Weigel to the Southeast Area Library Board, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye.

Future commissioner meeting date were set to April 2nd and 16th, May 7th and 21st, June 4th and 18th, and July 2nd and 16th.

Break

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

Ottertail Power Company, Todd Langston, presented to the board and update on the JETx project.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	45.00
ALLIED ENERGY	714.30
ANCHOR MARKETING	778.26
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	176.15
AT&T MOBILITY	62.34
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	83.60
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	5,563.33
CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	202.15
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	8,960.93
CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT	170.00
CITY OF KULM	79.67
CITY OF LAMOURE	676.00

COLE PAPERS INC	307.72
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,820.94
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,572.00
D & B PORTABLES LLC	185.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	45.91
DAKOTA COUNTRY TRUCKS LLC	924.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	97.78
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,543.74
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DUFFY/JESSICA	50.00
ESCOSUPPLY	24,305.97
FRONTIER PRECISION INC	1,650.00
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	8,408.71
GOOD OIL COMPANY	817.49
GRANDMA BLUE'S BAKERY & CAFE	192.00
GWORKS	7,420.00
HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LLC	438.45
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,000.60
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	3,905.68
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	3,817.32
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	419.85
JENSEN FEED & GRAIN	2,915.12
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	148.33
KELLY/FALLON	2,902.80
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	279.91
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	779.78
LAMOURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	5,000.00
LAMOURE COUNTY MUSEUM	5,000.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	44.92
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	88.44
LAMOURE HARDWARE	780.32
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	2,209.97
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	54.74
MEDICARE PART B	172.10
METZ/RORY	232.98
THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	100.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	84.63
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	661.50
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS	275.00
ND CLERKS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND HIGHWAY PATROL	566.85
ND RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
NELSON INTERNATIONAL	145.75
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	700.00
OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	2,835.43
PIEHL/TORIE	58.96
PITNEY BOWES	420.81
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	248.24
QUILL CORPORATION	97.31
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	759.30
RACINE/JULIANNE	1,189.35
RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR	8,082.98
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.88
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	3,356.75
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	4,485.56
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	55.17
THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	20.40
US POSTAL SERVICE	100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	937.97

Chairman Weigel adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF February, 2024

JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor