

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, May 7th, 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; Fallon Kelly, State's Attorney; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Attending virtually were Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ and Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator.

Chairman Weigel called for additions to the agenda. There were no additions. 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 April 16th 2024, commissioner minutes. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, reported that the crew is crack sealing so they can move to chip sealing. Darrick said he has received a few calls about not having enough gravel on some roads. If it is a township road, it must first be approved by the township. The same goes for blading. First, get it approved by the township and then the county will do the work. The state will be lifting the road restrictions at the end of this week or early next week. The county will follow the state lifting date and it will be put on the county website.

Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ reported that the bid opening for CR 35 was held on April 24th and Knife River was the low bid at 3.65 million dollars for the twelve-mile structure overlay with fibers. The flex fund dollars will cover two million dollars of the project. The county share will be approximately two million dollars with engineering and a possible additional two miles. NDDOT doesn't have the cost maintenance participation use agreements complete, so the county will wait to award the project and sign contracts at the next meeting. Bryan will also check with NDDOT to see when the county can start the reclaiming projects. The two bridge replacements at Grand Rapids and south of Adrian along with the three bridge removals are still in the plans to start in 2025. The Prairie Dog bucket is projected to be filled by January-February 2025.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, started her presentation stating a cost share agreement request from USGS was made for a permanent gage at the James River on State Highway 46 near Adrain at the July 19, 2022 commission meeting. They have come back with a proposal that LaMoure County and the ND Department of Water Resources would each cost share \$2,000 for annual maintenance and operations. It was decided that Kimberly would go to the next City of LaMoure meeting to see if the city would also be willing to share in the cost of the total annual maintenance fee of \$4,000. The commissioner recommended that Kimberly move forward with the cost-share agreement.

Kimberly reported on the storm shelter for Memorial Park. The original site plan has moved due to the decision of the park board. The new site has new requirements due to new staff at the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) office. It will require an Archeological Study which is a Class III Cultural Resources Survey. Only one quote is needed which has been submitted by Beaver Creek Archaeology Environmental for \$9,590.00. This cost is reimbursed as part of the project. FEMA would cover 85% of the project and the county share would be 15%. Comm Flath made a motion to accept the Beaver Creek Archaeology Environmental study, seconded by Comm Miller. Roll call vote; Comm Flath- yes, Comm Klein- yes, Comm Heidinger- yes and Chairman Weigel -yes.

The State Homeland Security Grant Program has opened the FY2024, it will remain open until June 5th. Originally, we were looking at better security for the courthouse but parks are now included under this grant. This is a 100% grant-funded opportunity. At this time the commission has tabled the topic.

Outdoor siren warning tests were completed on April 24th as part of the Tornado Drill Awareness. All were working and functioning as they should except for the city of Jud. The city of Jud is aware and will be communicating about what to do.

Walk at work is set for Tuesday.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, returned to the Commission with an update from the Health Board regarding how to spend the remaining Opioid Relief Funds. The Health Board agreed to continue with Anchor Marketing by educating the public through advertisements. Comm Heidinger made a motion to continue with the agreement, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Break

State’s Attorney, Fallon Kelly, drew up a letter for Gladen Construction, regarding the Memorial Park Road repair project. Darrick had drawn up an estimate for the cost of repair. Comm Flath made a motion to have the State’s Attorney sign and send the letter to Gladen Construction, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

States Attorney, Fallon Kelly, notified the board of his legal secretary resigning in the LaMoure office. At this time Fallon is not asking for any budget changes, but is looking to change the secretary's office hours to part-time so that the salary is more competitive.

Comm Flath made a motion to sign the funding agreement for Clerk of District Court services, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

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>
ADVANCE BUSINESS METHODS	1,447.54
ALLIED ENERGY	419.65
AT&T MOBILITY	62.13
BANKNORTH	625.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	59.30
BENNETT GRAVEL & GRADDING	1,200.00
BISMARCK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	192.60
BOHNENSTINGL/SHANEL	290.40
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	363.34
BUILDERS MART	109.28
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,391.47
CHAMP SOFTWARE INC	9,142.00
CITY OF KULM	204.96
CITY OF LAMOURE	569.00
COLE PAPERS INC	282.60
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,863.99
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,572.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	2,500.00
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	105.46
DELUXE	83.32
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,168.57
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	5,121.11
ESCOSUPPLY	1,993.04
FLECK/JEFF	203.00
FOSTER COUNTY AUDITOR	15.00
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	7,050.85
GOOD OIL COMPANY	16,352.79
GOOD/LAURIE	183.40
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	2,819.60
HENRY SCHEIN	714.60
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	1,438.18
JACOBSON/TAMMY	213.06

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	500.35
KELLY/FALLON	2,629.98
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	1,398.39
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	61.43
KULM MESSENGER	108.00
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	22.35
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	540.75
LAMOURE CO. SOIL CONSERVATION DIST	205.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	4.08
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	233.42
LAMOURE HARDWARE	802.99
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,076.74
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	75.00
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	53.38
MIDSTATES WIRELESS	2,900.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	66.86
NARDINI	1,789.00
ND COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	9,410.66
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	212.92
PATTERSON DENTAL SUPPLY, INC.	35,692.29
PEPSI-COLA	304.05
PHARMCHEM INC	191.70
PIEHL/KRIS	314.15
PIEHL/TORIE	285.85
PITNEY BOWES	1,420.81
QUILL CORPORATION	452.26
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	100.00
RACINE/JULIANNE	846.88
RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR	8,222.43
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	28.14
SHOCKMAN/KEVIN	37.95
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	190.50
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	55.96
TAYLOR PRINT IMPRESSIONS, INC	951.60
TRI-COUNTY NEWS	108.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	14,580.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,025.35
VISTOS CARQUEST	252.36
WARCKEN/BILLI	62.91

Chairman Weigel adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024

 JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

 JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor