

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, June 18th, 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; Cindy Worrel Treasurer; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator was attending virtually.

Chairman Weigel called for additions to the agenda. The additions were rental agreement site authorization, off sale permit and to set budget and commissioner meeting dates. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Weigel called for a review of the June 4th 2024, commissioner meeting minutes. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, brought to the board a driveway application and permit for Andrew Elhard. The permit would involve widening an approach, with no culvert. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the driveway application, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Darrick also presented to the board a letter for 'LaMoure County Haul Road Agreement'. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the Haul Road Agreement, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried. The Short Form Agreements with KLJ were approved at the last meeting contingent of State's Attorney approved, which was granted. Chairman Weigel signed both agreements. Darrick updated the board on CR 34. Currently, the crew has ground to the Berlin corner. The process is only 25% complete so there is a lot more to do before the project is complete.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberley Robbins, reported she has received noticed that FEMA DR4444 will be closed out. DR4444 is the 2019 spring flooding.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, reviewed with the board the bank balances and investments. Comm Klein made a motion to approve to reduce the NOW Account from \$200,000 to \$100,000 for IntraFi, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held on the situation of staff holding a position with the county, either elected or not, that is eligible for NDPERS Retirement and also holding a position that is less than 20 hours a week and not eligible for NDPERS Retirement. Currently those positions are Risk Manager, Community Service Coordinator, and County Coroner. In October for 2023, Law Enforcement moved to NDPERS Public Safety Retirement. It was discovered that the Coroner position is not eligible for NDPERS, but the county had been paying in on that position. The county had not paid for Risk Manager or Community Service. NDPERS will honor applied payments made up to October 2023. State's Attorney Fallon Kelly proposed contracts for those positions covering the period from October 2023 through December 2023 for the Coroner and contracts from January 2024 through December 2024 for all three positions. Comm Flath made a motion to approve contracts as presented and compensation to be reviewed at budget time, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote: Comm Heidinger- yes, Comm Miller- yes, Comm Klein- yes, Comm Flath-yes, Chairman Weigel-no. Majority vote, motion carried. For good practice, all employees working more than one position and not meeting the NDPERS retirement guidelines for the second position will be required to sign a contract.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, gave an election update. On Election Day 641 absentee ballots were counted, the Edgeley Armory polling location had 171 voters, BankNorth community room polling location had 170 voters, 8 ballots were sent to canvass board, and 34 additional ballots were received by mail after election day. With a total of 42 ballots going to canvass board. Canvass board will meet on Monday, June 24th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Break

Comm Miller made a motion to approve a Gaming Site Authorization for the Veterans for Foreign Wars 1326 at Rabbit Hole contingent on receipt of the \$100 licensing fee, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Klein made a motion to approve Horseshoe Saloon off-site permit at the Dakota Summers for June 21st and June 22nd, seconded Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. County budget meetings have been set for July 2nd and 16th following the commissioner meetings.

County Commissioner meeting have been set for August 2, August 20, September 3, and September 17.

Four to five will be attending the 5-County meeting June 27 in Wyndmere.

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>
ADVANCE BUSINESS METHODS	546.13
ANCHOR MARKETING	632.06
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	82.21
AT&T MOBILITY	62.13
BANKNORTH	635.00
BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER	400.00
BEK SPORTS NETWORK	189.58
BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MOORHEAD	325.50
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	5,828.23
CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	76.56
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,230.59
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,825.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,572.00
D & B PORTABLES LLC	430.00
DAKOTA FLUID POWER, INC.	444.75
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	111.33
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	4,083.56
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	162.24
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
FLECK/JEFF	23.00
FRAEDRICH/DWIGHT	3,000.00
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	7,563.26
GOOD OIL COMPANY	27,250.08
GRAHAM TIRE ABERDEEN	592.76
HAMLIN/JANICE	53.60
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE	139.45
HEIDINGER/KEITH	415.24
HIGH PLAINS WATER	287.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,744.85
I3G MEDIA	250.00
JOHNSON MANUFACTURING OPERATING, INC	105.45
KLEIN/BRUCE	318.09
KULM SERVICE	195.80
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	915.24
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,865.93
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	63.17
LARSON GRAIN CO	810.00
LEAF	120.40
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	263.85
MIDCOUNTRY CONSTRUCTION, LLC.	3,230.00
MILLER/LEE	277.72
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	7,767.64
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,787.88
PITNEY BOWES	1,000.00

PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	319.25
QUILL CORPORATION	79.25
RACINE/JULIANNE	444.90
RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	19,611.89
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.88
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	291.00
SALAMANDER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	1,510.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	408.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	671.78
VISTOS CARQUEST	96.72
WASTE MANAGEMENT	81.04
WEIGEL/JASON	353.60
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

Chairman Weigel adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

The meeting convened at 11:06 a.m. with Chairman Weigel and Commissioner Keith Heidinger, Lee Miller, and Bruce Klein present. Also present was Auditor Hamlin. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve a Gaming Site Authorization for LaMoure Baseball Boosters at Memorial Park Country Club contingent on the signature of the Lessor, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Weigel adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF JULY, 2024

 JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

 JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor