

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, August 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; Brandy Rolland, State's Attorney Paralegal; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle, Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ. Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator; attended virtually.

Chairman Weigel called for additions to the agenda. The addition was JDA (Job Development Authority). 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 August 6th 2024, commissioner meeting minutes. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, updated the board on what the road department is doing. Yesterday, the crew began grinding on CR 35 for patching. The crew has roughly eight working days left on CR 34 to get to Highway 281 for the first part of the process. The road department is looking to get a new salt and sand storage building. Darrick estimates the building will pay for itself within 3 to 4 years. Knife River will be starting Thursday on the Jud Road project paving from 6:30 am to 7:00 pm. The next project location to consider is from Highway 281 to Nortonville, a 2-mile quote was \$390,000 with a 2½" overlay. This quote has increased from what was originally projected. Since the abolishing property tax is on the November ballot, the commissioners decided to wait.

Comm Klein made a motion to have the truck speed limit 35 MPH on CR 63 from Highway 13 to Highway 46, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried. Lastly, CR 34 stop signs are on order.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented the annual tower inspection. The county owns the tower but rents the land from Larry Harmsen. It has Titan and City of LaMoure property on it. The State's Attorney sent a letter on 5/4/22 informing Titan and City of LaMoure of the tower capacity and that it may fail as well as the "gratuitous agreement". The annual income to the county is \$400 and expenses are \$2,960. The income is not supporting the costs. At this time the commission has tabled the topic for the next meeting. Kimberly updated the commission on the James River releases. The Jamestown Reservoir is releasing 150 CFS, Pipestem 700 CFS. We will continue to see higher river levels till they have fully evacuated the flood storage. September 17th is the Pipestem informational meeting.

The motion was made in a previous meeting to get a time keeping system. In order for this system to function properly, the county will have to go to one payroll schedule. At this time the employee has a choice of monthly or semi-monthly. The payroll schedule will now change to semi-monthly to accommodate the new time keeping system.

Rory Metz has a quarter of land in the Jud Fire District and he would like to change it to the Gackle Fire District. A letter was sent to the Jud Fire District where they had a special meeting and approved the change. The percentage is less than .01% with a dollar value of \$96.11. A public notice will go in the official newspaper and the hearing will be at the next commission meeting.

Future meeting dates were set for: October 1st and October 15th, November 7th and November 19th and; December 3rd and December 17th.

The commissioners approved two mills for the JDA during the preliminary budget meetings. After some discussion on forming a board and what it will all take to get the process started, Comm Miller made a motion to remove the JDA from the budget, seconded by Comm

Heidinger. Roll call vote, Comm Heidinger- yes, Comm Miller- yes, Comm Klein-yes, Comm Flath- no, and Chairman Weigel- no. Motion carried.

Break

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	291.94
AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INS CO	21.60
ANCHOR MARKETING	1,007.18
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	111.04
AT&T MOBILITY	62.28
BANKNORTH	630.00
BEAR CREEK GRAVEL LLC	5,136.45
BEK SPORTS NETWORK	689.58
BOOM/KARIN	49.20
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	9,453.06
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,031.62
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	1,908.44
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,050.98
D & B PORTABLES LLC	520.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	120.96
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	107.74
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DORICH/MARIE	94.40
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	43,675.38
GOOD OIL COMPANY	29,892.23
GRANDMA BLUE'S BAKERY & CAFE	100.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	459.46
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	6,077.42
HIGH PLAINS WATER	130.00
HORIZONHCS	433.40
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,914.85
I3G MEDIA	874.00
KLEIN/BRUCE	212.06
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	1,095.44
LAMOURE CHAMBER RETAILERS	145.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	876.23
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	11.54
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	47.84
LAMOURE HARDWARE	114.85
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	937.17
LANGUAGE LINK	18.01
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	229.40
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	69.24
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	421.35
MILLER/LEE	277.72
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	762.19
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	1,200.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	7,604.40
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	317.74
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,413.08
PORTER/DENICE	286.40
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	120.45
QUILL CORPORATION	67.99
RIDDLE/JAMES	100.00
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	257.88
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	3,200.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	16,594.19
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	26.36
VERIZON WIRELESS	412.57
W.D. LARSON COMPANIES	184.84
WALKER/NAOMI	72.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	185.65

WEIGEL/JASON	253.60
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

Chairman Weigel adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor