

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, September 17th, 2024**

At 8:29 a.m., 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; Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator attended virtually.

Chairman Weigel called for additions to the agenda. Hamlin added election update. 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 September 3 commissioner meeting minutes and September 12 special meeting. Comm Flath made a motion to approve both the September 3 and September 12 special meeting minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, went over the FEMA flood map updates. In June of 2023, the county held the community meeting. The plan was to have the flood maps in 2024. As of September 9, the project team is working on the last round of the FEMA review. Once this last approval is issued, a set Letter of Final Determination (LFD) date will be sent. The timeline for this is planned for December 2024 to January 2025. The LFD will be the end of the mapping timeline and the beginning of the compliance and ordinance timeline. This will initiate the six-month adoption process for all the jurisdictions in need of updating the ordinance to reflect the new maps with the effective date of June/July 2025.

Kimberly informed the board that the State's Attorney drafted yearly tower leases of \$1,500 per year for agencies for tower space. This will help with the annual expenses the county incurs to maintain the tower. Comm Klein made a motion to sign the lease contracts with City of LaMoure and Titan Machinery, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried. Kimberly will schedule the yearly maintain for the tower.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, informed the board that the four-way flashing stop signs are up on CR 34 and CR 62. There is new traffic pattern ahead, then stop ahead warning signs in place before the four-way stop. Next week, the crew will be patching on CR 65 and CR 35. Darrick also stated that the crew will be hauling gravel on CR 34 and it is still under construction. The paving is complete on CR 35 from Highway 281 to Jud. They are currently doing shoulder work. They will also be working on a couple spots on the west end, adding embankment by a box culvert ½ mile west of Jud, and adding guardrail with 3 cables. The striping will be done at the end of this week. The overall project went well and came in under budget, but the extra work was not part of the original contract. Bryan with KLJ will look into possible flex funding for the extra.

Bryan with KLJ was asked to complete the application for SRF funding for Memorial Park and Lake LaMoure for patching, chip sealing, and fog sealing.

Bryan also gave an update of Prairie Dog funding. He said the buckets are filling. The projected payout will be the first quarter of 2025. There was a study done and LaMoure County went down \$10,000 in Prairie Dog funding.

Bryan finished with the FEMA concrete box culvert contract. The project will be done at 65th street north of Edgeley. It will be bid out for a contractor to do the work. The local share for the total project will be ten percent. The State's Attorney will review the contract and it will be on the next agenda.

County Extension Agent, Julianne Racine, gave an update to the board that two candidates will be interviewed today for the Family and Community Wellness Extension Agent position.

VFW Gilbert N Nelson Post 1326, applied for a Gaming Site Authorization at Rabbit Hole in Adrian for Pull Tab Dispensing Device and Electronic Pull Tab Device. The State’s Attorney review it and he had no objections. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the Gaming Site Authorization, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, gave an election update. The absentee/vote by mail applications were mailed Monday. The UOCAVA ballots will go out Friday and the requested absentee/vote by mail ballots will start being mailed September 26.

The Court Facilities Advisory Committee is now accepting applications for grants to be awarded from the Court Facility Improvement and Maintenance fund. The application must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2024.

The next 5-County meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 10 at Rutland.

Break

The Public Budget Hearing opened at 10:00 a.m. Treasurer, Cindy Worrel joined the meeting. Also attending were Curtis Buerkle and Duane Stroh. Mr. Buerkle was concerned that his increase on his estimated tax statement was about the same amount as the Primary Residence Credit and that a few years ago only his property was measured and appraised. The City of Jud’s mills went from 60.11 mills in 2023 and to 105 mills for the preliminary in 2024. There also was a four percent county wide residential increase to be within the state requirement range. Mr. Stroh was concerned with the value on some of his land. The river runs through it and causes him to loss some of his land. Mr. Stroh was encouraged to visit with the Tax Director and see if he would qualify for inundated acres. Inundated acres need to be applied for every year. There was some discussion on the JDA being removed from the preliminary budget. The board felt there wasn’t enough time to get everything in place that needed to be done for this budget cycle. They will revisit this levy in early 2025. The hearing closed at 10:23 a.m.

The following people joined the meeting Jay Anderson, Southeast Rural Water Board Director and Garrison Diversion Director and Vice Chair; Jeff Breker, Chairman of the Southeast Rural Water; and Shawn Gaddie, Engineer and Consultant for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. Shawn gave the presentation on the project. He explained what the project was and what the benefits and potential participation costs would be for LaMoure County. The county will need to consider signing a memorandum of commitment by mid-November. Cooperative agreements with other entities could be considered as well.

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>
ADVANCE BUSINESS METHODS	744.56
ALLIED ENERGY	29,879.38
AT&T MOBILITY	62.28
BANKNORTH	630.00
BEK SPORTS NETWORK	189.58
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	479.43
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,032.79
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY VIEW FUEL	58.96
COLEMAN/HOPE	250.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	59.97
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,622.00
D & B PORTABLES LLC	430.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	108.87
DALLMANN SERVICES CO.	8,700.91
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	1,173.86

FARGO FREIGHTLINER	1,291.02
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	1,978.59
FLATH/ROBERT	400.00
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	16,617.96
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	2,248.88
GOOD OIL COMPANY	1,415.30
GRANDMA BLUE'S BAKERY & CAFE	40.00
GREAT PLAINS DIRECTORY	275.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	415.24
HENRY SCHEIN	1,812.68
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	3,236.92
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,914.85
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	149.95
I3G MEDIA	200.00
KLEIN/BRUCE	538.19
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	12,738.99
KNIFE RIVER	3,110,347.50
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	87.47
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	105.00
K2S ENGINEERING INC	10,937.60
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	566.25
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	44.77
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	517.21
LAMOURE HARDWARE	815.90
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	229.40
LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC.	130.76
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	385.96
MERCK SHARP & DOHME LLC	5,750.60
MERTZ LUMBER & SUPPLY	140.00
MILLER/LEE	516.58
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	40.00
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	29.12
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	888.57
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	354.75
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	310.00
ORR AUCTIONEERS INC	1,229.35
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,502.15
PITNEY BOWES	2,000.00
PFIZER, INC.	2,461.20
QUILL CORPORATION	222.07
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.88
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	243.88
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC.	462.75
SERVICE MASTER	150.00
SHOCKMAN/KEVIN	75.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	100.00
VANNATTA/BARRY	220.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	239.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	712.05
VISTOS CARQUEST	63.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	184.54
WEIGEL/JASON	380.40
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00
YOUNG INNOVATIONS	122.24

Chairman Weigel adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024

JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor