

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, September 3rd, 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; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator; Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ attended virtually.

Chairman Weigel called for additions to the agenda. The additions were election rotation drawing and estimated tax statements cost and time. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Weigel called for a review of the August 20th 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, presented to the board two pieces of equipment, sweeper and generator, that didn't sell on the auction but there were individuals/entities interested in the equipment. Comm Heidinger made a motion to determine both pieces of equipment are under \$2,500, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Flath made a motion to authorize Darrick to sell the county property, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Next, Darrick let the board know that the payloader would be out of warranty soon. He presented some warranty options to review with the board. Looking through the options of warranty plans at this time Darrick recommended the county renew a yearly warranty. Comm Klein made a motion to extend the loader warranty for one year at \$4560, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Lastly, Darrick updated the board that the road department has 1.6 miles left of grinding on CR 34. Darrick also ordered another two tons of magnesium chloride to mix with the dust pods. Darrick spoke with the insurance reserve and will be placing "Rough Road Ahead" signs out on CR 35 for the time being. Bryan with KLJ added that Knife River finished all the patching last week and going to keep going with milling and main line paving. SRF- State Funding apps are due the end of November.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, represented the annual tower inspection. After much discussion LaMoure Ambulance and Fire, Titan and LaMoure City will all be included on the topic of rent and fees. Topic will be tabled until more information is retained.

County Extension Agent, Julianne Racine, gave a presentation of the Emerald Ash Borer. Julianne also informed the board that the NDDA has put LaMoure into a quarantine restriction movement of wood. Anyone caught moving wood is subject to up to \$5,000 fine. If anyone suspects their trees to be infested, they are encouraged to contact any of the following: ND Dept of Ag, NDSU Extension, ND Parks & Recreation, NDDDES, county services and cities. Lastly, Lake LaMoure has been put on an advisory for blue-green algae. This alga produces cyanotoxins which may cause serious health effects in people and animals.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, gave an update on the estimated tax statements. Cindy's staff was able to get the statements out quickly and efficiently with a cost of \$3,221. This estimate does not include employee time.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, informed the board that the election rotation drawing will be held on Thursday, September 5th, at 4:20 pm in the Clerk of Court's Office.

Break

Public hearing opened 10:00am for the Rory Metz annexation from Jud Fire District to Gackle Fire District. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the fire district transfer, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Public hearing closed at 10:11 am

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLSTATE PETERBILT	184.84
BARNES COUNTY AUDITOR	16,666.67
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	56.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	314,850.00
CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES (ALBERTA) INC.	3,700.00
CITY OF KULM	80.02
CITY OF LAMOURE	490.00
COLE PAPERS INC	282.60
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,650.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	142.20
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,135.79
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	387.01
GOOD OIL COMPANY	508.28
HAMLIN/JANICE	28.14
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	1,551.01
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	51.54
KELLY/FALLON	2,700.33
KETTERLING/JACKIE	99.84
KULM SERVICE	78.00
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	597.90
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	94.04
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	52.74
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	72.60
MEIDINGER/AMANDA	157.50
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	47.79
NAPA AUTO PARTS	96.99
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	5,313.68
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	1,492.58
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	19,800.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	44.15
PIEHL/KRIS	79.00
PITNEY BOWES	1,000.00
QUILL CORPORATION	722.51
RANSOM COUNTY AUDITOR	12,083.67
RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	14,320.93
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	51.65
VERIZON WIRELESS	266.09
WEBER/SARAH	111.80

Chairman Weigel adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor