

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Thursday, September 7th, 2023**

At 8:30 am Chairman Robert Flath called the meeting to order and opened by reciting the pledge of allegiance. Commissioners: Jason Weigel, Bruce Klein, Lee Miller, and Keith Heidinger were also present. Also attending were James Shockman, State's Attorney; Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Darrick Nitschke, Highway Superintendent; Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle. Attending virtually was DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins.

Chairman Flath called for additions to the agenda. Additions, Resolution Region 6, park house, NDSU Extension staff. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath called for a review of the August 15th, 2023, commissioner minutes. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke informed the board that they are done with chip sealing and sand sealing. There are about four miles left of shoulder pulls, which should be done next week. The culverts have been installed and approaches are done. Darrick also informed the board he was contacted by the Edgeley Mayor that there is a diesel full tank that is sitting outside the Edgeley shop that the City of Edgeley is requesting a berm be put around it.

The airport driveway application was brought back to the board. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the driveway permit, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

The Highway Department has begun looking into a pavement grinder, as they feel it could be of value to the county. Barnes County is also interested in purchasing one and thought we could work out a deal.

KLJ, Bryan Tykwinski, reported to the board their progress with the Grand Rapids bridge replacement. They are currently looking at realignment options. This would keep the road open during road construction. KLJ met with the DOT and they approved funding through the bridge funding which would bring down our cost share of a new bridge overlay. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the bridge changes, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, presented to the board a list of parcels that had omitted properties that were added to the estimated taxes. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the omitted properties to the parcels, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, reported that September is National Preparedness Month. It's recognized each year to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. This year's focus is educating older citizens. Disaster education aims to provide the knowledge and skills to effectively respond to disasters when a disaster occurs. Gov Burgum also recognizes this month. The Annual Emergency Managers conference is next week in Bismarck and Kimberly plans to attend. Lastly, Kimberly presented a list of disasters LaMoure is currently involved in. Focusing on processing disaster 4717, Spring 2023 Disaster, DES is currently on step three. Christine Schmit and Kimberly Robbins met with Dean Stall who is the program delivery manager. The townships have until October 10th to report any damages due to this disaster. Roughly seven townships are currently involved in DR 4717.

Break 9:48am-9:57am

Chairman Flath called to order the LaMoure County Budget meeting at 10:00am. There was one attendee who contested the value of his properties. This individual was directed to the Tax Director.

ND Fire & Tornado would like to increase the value of the courthouse to \$13,108,400 increasing the premium an additional \$1,797. Comm Miller made a motion to increase the value of the courthouse, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, brought to the board some policy concerns. The first concern was regarding working remotely. At this time, we do not currently have a policy in place. The second concern was the county owns two drones, the highway department and the sheriff's department each have one. The sheriff's department currently has a policy in place, but the highway department does not. The highway department's drone isn't currently being used but Jan has suggested putting a policy in place for the near future.

The Counties Providing Technology (CPT) board rescinded their motion to discontinue services to ND counties. CPT will be holding a meeting with all counties they are currently supporting whether the county is staying or leaving CPT. The meeting will be either September 12th or 20th.

Chairman Flath closed the LaMoure County Budget meeting at 11:00am.

Region 6 will be having a meeting on September 12 at 1:00 pm.

There is a group of individuals inquiring about renting the park house. There will be more details brought back to the board.

There has been a reclassification of the NDSU Extension staff which includes a rate change within the pay scale. Comm Heidinger approved to make the rate change effective September 1st, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

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>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	62.00
ALL FLAGS, LLC	411.52
ALLIED ENERGY	249.65
ALLSTATE PETERBILT	492.52
AMKOTA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER	352.80
ANDERSON/JAKE	15,660.00
AVID HAWK LLC	225.00
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	137.59
BANKNORTH	830.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	61.50
CANDLEWOOD SUITES	86.40
CAPITAL I INDUSTRIES INC.	493.81
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	300.50
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	79.66
CITY OF LAMOURE	236.00
COLE PAPERS INC	298.90
COMPUTER EXPRESS	9,215.97
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	131.58
DAKOTA FENCE	5,337.50
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,295.38
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	186,104.90
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	7,714.43
GOOD OIL COMPANY	36,059.95
GREER/JOSEPH	1,589.90
HAMPLE EXCAVATION SERVICE	1,100.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,971.20

HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	3,349.79
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	115.67
KLEVER/DARCY	97.40
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	279.96
LAGODINSKI/JAMIE	550.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	870.20
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	24.78
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	119.71
LAMOURE HARDWARE	716.06
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,538.68
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	52.21
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	90.20
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	72.60
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	4,583.96
MODERN MARKETING	326.43
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES	48.06
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	10.00
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	1,200.00
NORMONT	1,740.62
NORTHWEST TIRE INC	1,436.88
OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	2,716.59
PFIZER, INC.	4,928.37
PIEHL/KRIS	277.61
PIEHL/TORIE	131.00
PITNEY BOWES	2,000.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	16.34
QUILL CORPORATION	866.53
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	120.00
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	95.22
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	4,834.79
SD LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ASSIST PROGR	125.00
SECURA INSURANCE COMPANIES	306.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,694.76
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	1,650.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.58
TRUENORTH STEEL	42,865.20
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	29,788.86
VERIZON WIRELESS	564.78
WARCKEN/BILLI	69.43

Chairmen Flath adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF September, 2023

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor