

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING-Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

At 8:30 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; Fallon Kelly, State's Attorney; Cindy Worrel, Treasurer; Bryan Tykwinski, KLJ; and Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle.

Chairman Weigel called for additions to the agenda. There were no additions. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Weigel called for a review of the October 1 commissioner meeting minutes. Comm Flath recommended correcting a few typos. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Darrick Nitschke, reported that Knife River has to haul the pavement millings to the county pit, (there is still work to do from CR 35 to the county line). Bridge markers were ordered for the bridge west of Jud.

Darrick checked with a few surrounding counties on what they do for a clothing allowance. Some counties have a mandatory yellows and leather boot policy with a \$250 to \$300 allowance per year. The commissioners would like to do some research on the topic and table it until the next meeting.

Darrick presented a utility permit for Corey Sandness and Jerrod Sandness on CR 34, 1.5 miles west of the Highway 1 and Highway 27 junction. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the conditional permit with the \$200 maintenance fee, \$50 open cut fee, plus all costs necessary to return the road to preexisting condition, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ went over the 2025 federal aid county programs. There will be bridge projects, flex fund, and township projects. Bryan will add the 1.25 mile from east of Grand Rapids on CR 34 to CR 61.

Comm Flath made a motion to approve the agreement with KLJ for the FEMA box culvert which is located on 65th Street, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented on the current drought monitor. LaMoure County is 71.45% in D0 designation with a small area in the southeast part of the county is in D1. The drought update states late November could be the earliest to see recovery from drought. The governor has signed Executive Order 2024-06 for a statewide fire emergency which will remain in effect until December 1, 2024 or until rescinded. Comm Miller made a motion to accept the language as: Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of LaMoure County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective immediately at the blank rating as specified on the burn restriction worksheet as published in LaMoure County at <https://ndresopnse.gov> for LaMoure County, ND until rescinded or at a blank date, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to set a Burn Restriction when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the High, Very High or Extreme Rating and/or Red Flag Warning to include all cities in LaMoure County until rescinded, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote: Comm Heidinger, yes; Comm Miller, yes; Comm Klein, yes; Comm Flath, no; and Chairman Weigel, no. Majority vote, motion carried.

The hearing on appraisal of delinquent property was next on the agenda. There is one property coming up for sale. It is deeded to the Jude Cafe Association and is located at 520 Logie St., Jud, ND. The legal description is the N1/2 Lot 6 and all of Lot 7, Block 5, Original Jud. Comm Heidinger made a motion to set the minimum price at \$1,028.97, seconded by Comm Flath. All

voting aye, motion carried. There will also be a recording fee of \$20.00 if sold at the sale on November 19.

Break 10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Torie Piehl with the NDSU Extension office gave a 4-H quarterly report. LaMoure, Barnes, and Dickey County NDSU Extensions hosted a successful camp for 27 youth at LaMoure County Memorial Park. LaMoure County 4-H'ers participated in the North Dakota State Fair. James River Sportsman's Club, LaMoure County 4-H, and LaMoure County NDSU Extension hosted a summer 3-D Archery shoot.

Comm Heidinger appointed Eric Lahlum and Julianne Racine as LaMoure County State Fair Delegates, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor Hamlin reported that Brian Kroshus, State Tax Commissioner and Secretary of the North Dakota State Board of Equalization certified that there are no changes in the 2024 class of real property in LaMoure County. Commercial is at 94%, Residential is at 91%, and Agricultural is at 96%.

The commissioners discussed three policy changes. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the changes to the donation of sick leave policy which states this donation is to be considered a gift; once donated the leave can not be returned to the donating employee, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the language changes to the Dress Code/Appearance adding: Supervisors are responsible for providing guidelines to maintain that positive image and Supervisors may ask employees to change clothing and/or cover tattoos that are deemed to be inappropriately displayed prior to commencing work, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Flath made a motion to adopt the Short-Term Telecommuting Policy as presented, which includes requiring the signing of the agreement, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye motion carried.

Comm Miller made a motion to amend the policy renewal with NDIRF at a three million liability limit, which is the same as last year, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

A park board meeting was set for October 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the new shop in the park.

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>
A W DIESEL SERVICE	6,976.85
ALLIED ENERGY	10,862.35
ALLSTATE PETERBILT	2,203.09
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	73.33
AT&T MOBILITY	62.42
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	433.00
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	1,134.29
BANKNORTH	630.00
BEK SPORTS NETWORK	189.58
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	13,317.07
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,163.58
CITY OF LAMOURE	221.50
COLE PAPERS INC	571.10
COMPUTER EXPRESS	424.99
CORNER HOME MEDICAL	2,651.08
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	5,544.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,250.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	108.66
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	200.80
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DUFFY/JESSICA	104.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	2,359.36
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	1,982.39

FLATH/ROBERT	200.00
GALLS, LLC	1,398.26
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	324.40
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	286.70
GOOD OIL COMPANY	7,564.02
HEIDINGER/KEITH	135.24
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	10,931.68
HOME SHOP/THE	769.36
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,914.85
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	451.76
JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	33.40
JENSEN ROCK & SAND, INC	15,856.45
KELLY/FALLON	2,629.98
KETTERLING/JACKIE	69.68
KLEIN/BRUCE	212.06
KLEVER/DARCY	80.40
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	2,106.89
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	10.44
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	44.01
LAMOURE HARDWARE	10,884.38
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	693.88
LEAF	252.84
MARQUART/ANDREW S.	108.00
MILLER/LEE	416.58
NARDINI	85.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	382.61
NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL, INC.	1.50
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL	19,746.80
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	7,464.18
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	44.90
PFIZER, INC.	3,859.63
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	119.07
RACINE/JULIANNE	425.89
RIDDLE/JAMES	50.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	500.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.32
TRUENORTH STEEL	445.36
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	423.30
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	276.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	301.57
WASTE MANAGEMENT	183.92
WEIGEL/JASON	380.40
WEX HEALTH, INC.	583.00

Chairman Weigel adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor