

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING-Thursday, December 28, 2023**

At 8:33 am Chairman Robert Flath called the meeting to order and opened by reciting the pledge of allegiance. Commissioners: Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, and Bruce Klein were also present. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Cindy Worrel, Treasurer; and Clint Hoggarth, Mayor of LaMoure. Attending virtually were Commissioner Lee Miller; Kimberly Robbins DES/911 Coordinator; Dale Gackle, Mayor of Kulm; and Angie Holmgren, Auditor of Kulm. The official newspaper was not in attendance, but was notified.

Chairman Flath started with informing the board that Comm Klein and himself met with Fallon Kelly yesterday and the meeting went well. They went over what the commissioners expected of him and that the position would begin January 1, 2024. There was discussion on how long Fallon would hold the appointment. Chairman Flath explained that an attorney would have to become a resident of the county collect signatures and run on the ballot in 2024 and if elected the position would start on January 1, 2025. If things didn't work out with Fallon within this first year, the county could go to another county and sign a JPA with them for a State's Attorney. It was the recommendation of State's Attorney, James Shockman, to go this route. The financial side has been discussed with LaMoure County HR, Tanya Wieler and NDACo Executive Director Aaron Birst. Ransom County will handle all the payroll and LaMoure County will reimburse them based off what was approved in the 2024 budget. Comm Heidinger made a motion to appoint Fallon Kelly as the LaMoure County State's Attorney and enter into a JPA with Ransom County, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Flath went to the city properties that haven't sold since the sale on November 21. The first property is the north 4 inches of the south 50 feet of lots 7 to 10 and the north 50 feet 4 inches of lot 11 and 12 block 34 original LaMoure, located at 12 1<sup>st</sup> St SW City of LaMoure which is parcel number 33-0134122. The minimum price at sale was \$2,472.26. The city share of specials and taxes are \$2,329.83, the counties tax with admin cost is \$142.42. The city of LaMoure send an email stating they would like to forgive the specials on that parcel and ask the county to do the same. They would like the opportunity to take possession of that property from the county. Clint Hoggarth, Mayor of LaMoure, said yes, the city will forgive the specials and taxes. Comm Weigel made a motion to accept the City of LaMoure offer to forgive the specials and taxes, the county will forgive their portion of taxes and will sell the property to the city of LaMoure for \$1.00, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

The next property is lot 4 block 5 original Kulm, located at 8 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE City of Kulm which is parcel number 35-0105040. The minimum price at sale was \$6,229.90. The city of Kulm specials and interest are \$4,024.23 the remaining balance would be the city and county taxes. Dale Gackle, Mayor of Kulm, said the city of Kulm will forgive the specials and taxes. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the City of Kulm offer to forgive the specials and taxes, the county will forgive their portion of taxes and will sell the property to the city of Kulm for \$1.00, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

The next property is lot 1 Grohs addition Kulm, located at 106 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE city of Kulm which is parcel number 35-1500010. The minimum price at sale was \$8,678.13. The city of Kulm specials and interest are \$5,992.04 the remaining balance would be the city and county taxes. Dale Gackle, Mayor of Kulm, said the city of Kulm will forgive the specials and taxes. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the City of Kulm offer to forgive the specials and taxes, the county will forgive their portion of taxes and will sell the property to the city of Kulm for \$1.00, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

The next property is south 17 feet lot 53 and all lots 54 & 55 DeVries addition Kulm, located at 313 Main Ave S City of Kulm which is parcel number 35-0400550. The minimum price at sale was \$9,486.06. The city of Kulm specials and interest are \$6,374.91 the remaining balance would be the city and county taxes. Dale Gackle, Mayor of Kulm, said the city of Kulm will forgive the specials and taxes. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the City of Kulm offer to forgive the specials and taxes, the county will forgive their portion of taxes and will sell the

property to the city of Kulm for \$1.00, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

The next property is north 17 feet lot 56 DeVries addition Kulm, located at 313 Main Ave S City of Kulm which is parcel number 35-0400561. The minimum price at sale was \$112.44. This is all city and county taxes. Dale Gackle, Mayor of Kulm, said the city of Kulm will forgive the taxes. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the City of Kulm offer to forgive the taxes, the county will forgive their portion of taxes and will sell the property to the city of Kulm for \$1.00, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	73.60
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	528.89
CITY OF KULM	79.66
COLE PAPERS INC	89.31
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,342.97
DAKOTA SKID STEERS, LLC	50.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,139.35
DUSTPODS LLC	46,680.00
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	8,258.52
GRANDMA BLUE'S BAKERY & CAFE	40.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	3,313.34
HENRY SCHEIN	343.82
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	59.99
KRAMER/STEVE	450.00
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	820.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	9,637.27
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	19,700.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	107.58
PIEHL/TORIE	103.49
PROPERTY RECORDS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION	425.00
PURCHASE POWER	2,014.88
QUILL CORPORATION	37.99
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	81.22
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,683.55
TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC.	2,375.00
US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	1,519.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	449.66

Chairman Flath adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2024

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JASON WEIGEL, Chairman

ATTEST:

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JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor