

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING-
April 19, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 19, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, and Lee Miller, State's Attorney James Shockman, Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert, Auditor Jan Hamlin, and Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. The additions were a park sign, a budget meeting, and Neogov. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the April 5 minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Caroline Homan, NDSU 4-H & Youth Development Extension Agent, gave her first 2022 quarterly report. There was a Tri-County project day held in January. It welcomed 50 youth from LaMoure, Barnes, and Dickey counties. The youth selected activities to learn new skills and check out 4-H project areas in the creative and performing arts, science, technology and engineering, clothing and textiles, and healthy living. On January 23, eleven youth explored North Dakota's foodways in a German from Russia cooking class. They made knoephla soup and blatchinda which is a pastry filled with pumpkin. Caroline partnered with Kulm and Edgeley school counselors to deliver Living on My Own, a budgeting simulation to high school seniors. Caroline also led #Smelly socks lesson and a lesson on stress management. Kulm sophomores are participating in the NDSU Extension's Building Tomorrow's Leaders program. As part of the curriculum, Caroline led a workshop on Real Colors. This assessment helps student quickly and accurately identify their own temperaments and that of their peers. It also helps increase their understanding of communication styles and how people learn so they can build effective teams. NDSU Extension Agent, Julianne Racine, will be presenting next meeting.

Assistant Highway Superintendent, Tim Geinert, reminded the commissioners that there will be a bid opening for the micro surfacing project at the next commissioner meeting on May 3. The highway department would like to get on order a new plow truck for 2023 delivery. The truck would be \$130,065 and the snow equipment \$133,084 for a total of \$263,149. The trucks bought in 2020 were around \$205,000. The new truck would be all hydraulic cylinders so that is a large part of the increase in price. The Kulm blade will have to be bid out with an ad in the paper for two weeks and will need to be ordered a year in advance, which will be later this summer. Comm Miller made a motion to make the new plow truck and snow equipment purchase, seconded by Comm Weigel. Comm Flath voted no, motion carried.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, requested an abatement for parcel number 33-0310020. The house was removed in October 2021 so the abatement will be prorated for October to December. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the abatement, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, gave her presentation. The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) is FEMA's national system for local alerting. It provides authenticated emergency and lifesaving information to the public through mobile phones using Wireless Emergency Alerts, and to radio and television via the Emergency Alert System, and on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather radio. LaMoure County completed this process in 2016 and renewed it in 2020. The county is FEMA IPAWS certified. The county's email addresses changed last year so Kimberly will update them with FEMA at this time. The full renewal will be in April 2025. Kimberly gave an update on the highly pathogenic avian influenza as of April 18. The USDA website is updated each day Monday through Friday at 11:00 a.m. and the North Dakota Department of Agriculture updates each day at noon. HPAI has been confirmed in approximately 139,000 commercial/backyard flocks in ND; 1.5 million in South Dakota; and 1.9 million in Minnesota. LaMoure County has three cases: two commercial turkey/chicken and one backyard chicken flock. Biosecurity information is available online, or if you have any questions, please call our local extension office. Do not touch sick or dead birds. Report them online or call the extension office and they can help with online entry.

Jessica Duffy was available for a Public Health building project update. Jessica wanted to clarify two items. First, current staff didn't state they will quit if the building isn't in LaMoure. They have taken into

consideration other communities. Second, there has been talk about health equity and adding services that could be located in this building. Somehow, the building and added services got tied together. They are two separate projects. Health equity is a grant Public Health is working on to bring needed services to the county. The building is a project on its own. The original design was put together by Public Health and was 2,200 square feet. The architect's design has come back which is 5,000 square feet and includes space for both Public Health and Human Services. The price the architect quoted was 1.1 to 1.4 million, which is about \$280 per square foot, and the cost continues to rise. Jessica said it is more square feet than needed and they are looking for something in the middle. A qualified architect/engineer will need to be bid out to proceed with the project. Jessica read the motion the Public Health Board made at their last meeting. "Coralynn made a motion to take architect review to the commissioners requesting to advertise for architect bids to keep the project moving forward, seconded by Brandi. Motion passed-unanimous." Comm Heidinger made a motion that LaMoure County is soliciting qualifications for architect/engineer services to work with the county in design through construction administration for a new Public Health and Human Services building, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Clerk of Court, Billi Warcken, answered questions from the commissioners on the Clerk of Court funding. Comm Flath made a motion to enter into the funding agreement with the North Dakota Supreme Court for Clerk of Court services, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Billi presented the plans for the LaMoure County Memorial Park sign. The quote for the sign is \$286.57 and it will take three to four weeks to make once ordered. Comm Flath made a motion to order the sign for the park, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried. Billi also showed the commissioners the new courthouse brochures.

Chairman Klein brought up Neogov. The commissioners approved using this vendor at the last meeting for advertising to recruit law enforcement. The two open law enforcement positions were filled right after the meeting. Chairman Klein was wondering if the county still wants to use this vendor's services. Some wanted to keep it and others didn't think it was necessary now. No decision was made.

The commissioners set a budget meeting for April 29, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Break 10:04 a.m. to 10:18 a.m.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	66.61
ANDERSON-CRANE RUBBER COMPANY INC.	258.82
AT&T MOBILITY	61.31
BI INCORPORATED	117.60
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	5,320.83
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,709.14
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	64.17
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,324.98
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
D & B PORTABLES LLC	150.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	49.04
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	126.66
ECONOMY OIL INC	6,108.15
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	802.86
FARGO FREIGHTLINER	311.27
FLATH/ROBERT	200.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	479.01
HOMAN/CAROLINE	926.78
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,384.25
JAMESTOWN REGIONAL MED CT	1,312.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	7,996.00
JOHNSON MFG INC	9.98
KLEIN/BRUCE	421.06
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	240.56
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,373.98
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	89.95

LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	338.22
LONG/SUSAN R.	125.00
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	4,261.64
MILLER/LEE	535.72
MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS INC	101.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	59.12
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	263.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	11,157.32
NORMONT	762.32
NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	2.60
OST BODY & PAINT	316.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,188.73
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC.	2,928.00
PHARMCHEM INC	31.45
PORTER/DENICE	190.71
PRINSCO, INC	9,216.00
QUILL CORPORATION	362.96
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.20
SERVICE MASTER	1,200.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,193.15
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	2,325.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
WASTE MANAGEMENT	283.28
WEIGEL/JASON	364.35
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

Chairman Klein said the county has taken the necessary actions to qualify for the Employer-Based Wellness Discount program with NDPERS. The one percent health premium reduction will apply from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF MAY, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor