

## **OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING- October 20, 2020**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 20, 2020 with Chairman Keith Heidinger, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Sheriff Robert Fernandes, and DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were Commissioners Lee Miller, Bruce Klein, Marvin Schulz, Bob Flath, State's Attorney James Shockman, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Clerk of Court Billi Warcken, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Chairman Heidinger called the meeting to order at approximately 8:40 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

There were two additions to the agenda. Chairman Heidinger added Stutsman County Correctional Center Inmate Boarding Contract and Comm Klein added park business. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the minutes with additions, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Comm Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 6 meeting, seconded by Comm Schulz. Roll call vote Comm Klein-yes; Comm Miller-yes; Comm Flath-yes; and Comm Schulz-yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering said that the annual NDDOT Maintenance Certification for Federal Aid Projects are due every year and recommends approval and a signature. It means that we are maintaining our Federal Aid Project we have done in the past. Comm Schulz made a motion to approve and sign the Maintenance Certification for Federal Aid Projects, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote Comm Schulz-yes; Comm Flath-yes; Comm Miller-yes; Comm Klein-yes; Chairman Heidinger-yes. Motion carried. Loegering said that it looks promising that the county will receive the Rail Crossing Safety Enhancement Project from the NDDOT at a cost share of 90/10. The crossing is on CR 63 north of ND 13. The NDDOT will analyze for the crossing gate. If the project is approved, the county share would be approximately \$15,000 (which is 10% of \$150,000 for the total project). The shoulder pull on CR 35 west of Jud is finished. Asphalt patching is finished on CR 35 and CR 65 and on other culvert spots. The crew has been working on ditch and bridge mowing this week. They are gravelling the county line west of Cottonwood Lake. They are hauling field rock and stockpiling at the Kartes pit. They put the plows on the trucks yesterday.

Sheriff Fernandes attended to discuss the Stutsman County Correctional Center Inmate Boarding Contract. He said that the contract for 2019 went from \$65 per day to \$70 per day. The contract that takes effect January 1, 2021 will go from \$70 per day to \$75 per day. The previous and current contracts look to be worded the same. Sheriff Fernandes has questions for State's Attorney Shockman on who has the financial responsibility for prisoners who have to be medically cleared by the Jamestown Hospital before they can be transferred to the correctional facility. Stutsman County Corrections does request this in some circumstances. There is a clause in the contract that LaMoure County would be responsible but have not been charged in the past, however recently are being charged. Stutsman County Corrections was paying the bill in the past. The State's Attorney and Sheriff will look into if the medical expenses can be billed to the prisoner. Comm Schulz made a motion to approve and sign the Stutsman County Correctional Center Inmate Boarding Contract for 2021, seconded by Comm Miller. Roll call vote Comm Klein-yes; Comm Schulz-yes; Comm Flath-yes; Comm Miller-yes; Chairman Heidinger-yes. Motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, requested LaMoure County sign the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES) Public Assistance Subgrant Agreement for FEMA- DR4509 which is the Pandemic. Comm Klein made a motion to sign the DR4509 agreement, seconded by Comm Schulz. Roll call vote Comm Klein-yes; Comm Schulz-yes; Comm Flath-yes; Comm Miller-yes; Chairman Heidinger-yes. Motion carried.

Comm Flath went over the LaMoure County Memorial Park EWP Riverbank Repair. He said that he has some paper work from NRCS and the bid packet and everything that came through. In order to sign off and carry the project over to next spring, we need to sign the construction specifications cover sheet and one other sheet that will have to be mailed. By signing these sheets, we are not committing to the project and could still back out next year. Comm Flath made a motion to sign document to carry this project over to next year, seconded by Comm Schulz. Roll call vote Comm Klein-yes; Comm Miller-yes; Comm Flath-yes; Comm Schulz-yes; Chairman Heidinger-yes. Motion carried.

Comm Klein visited with Park Supervisor Kevin Shockman yesterday. He was doing the blow out of the water systems at the park. There is one seasonal camper left in the park so Mr. Shockman will make contact with them to make sure they have it removed. Comm. Klein said that last year at this time we

pulled the pedestals due to flooding issues. It would take a day to accomplish that since there were more pedestals added this year. What are the commissioners thoughts on doing it this year? It was decided to get the cost to do this, check the water level at the dams, and talk about it at the next meeting.

Auditor Hamlin has been asked by poll workers if masks can be required on election day. State’s Attorney Shockman said that masks could be required with a formal written resolution. After discussion, it was decided to highly recommend masks at the polling location. Ballots requested to date are 1,672 and ballots received back are 899.

Michelle Masset, the South Country Human Service Zone Director, would like to come to the meeting on November 5, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. to go over the zone plan.

There was discussion on how the Tax Sale will take place on November 17. Kimberly Robbins will get a quote from IT on what we need to hold it in the courtroom. The plan is to try and set it up for in person with safe social distancing and by conference call. It will be decided at the next meeting.

State’s Attorney James Shockman let the board know that the Museum Board provided him with a copy of their bylaws. The bylaws state that the commissioners will appoint one board member from each commissioner district. The bylaws can be amended. Comm Klein will visit with Terri Potts and find out how they would like to proceed.

NDSU Extension Service quarterly report has been moved to the next meeting.

The commissioners reviewed the bills. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the bills presented, seconded by Comm Miller. Roll call vote Comm Klein-yes; Comm Schulz-yes; Comm Miller-yes; Comm Flath-yes. Motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLIED ENERGY	2,382.13
AT&T MOBILITY	61.33
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	80.46
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,172.44
CENEX FLEETCARD	553.31
CITY OF KULM	374.71
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,076.00
D & B PORTABLES LLC	100.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	88.88
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	159.06
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV	176.97
EDGELEY MAIL	107.25
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	1,930.25
ESCOSUPPLY	730.20
FASTNACHT/JOSHUA	140.00
FLATH/ROBERT	600.00
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	4,121.78
GOOD OIL COMPANY	20,813.50
HANSON/DOMINIC	140.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	648.35
HENRY SCHEIN	76.48
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,262.80
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	570.96
INTERGRAPH CORPORATION	2,000.16
KLEIN/BRUCE	310.34
LAMOURE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	803.32
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	59.00
LAMOURE HARDWARE	71.06
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	407.38
MILLER/LEE	366.70
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	35.18
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	95.34
NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	19.20
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	760.00

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,947.64
PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY	201.10
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	46.21
PURCHASE POWER	2,000.00
QUILL CORPORATION	154.53
RADAR SHOP/THE	127.50
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.20
RIDDLE/JAMES	140.00
SANFORD	100.00
SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL	25.00
SCHMOKER/MICHAEL	64.40
SCHULZ/MARVIN	346.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,509.10
SHOP 4-H NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	51.95
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	4,410.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	211.68
VAN ZEE/LUCAS	140.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	104,434.20
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,272.71
WALKER/DELIA	45.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	900.13
WEX BANK	478.61
Z'S TREES RESIDENTIAL, LLC	6,000.00

Chairman Heidinger called the Public Health Quarterly Meeting to order. Public Health Administrator, Jessica Duffy started with immunizations. The immunizations are back up to almost normal. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 had 335 (39 flu, 117 shingles, 113 back to school). The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020 had 304 (134 flu, 33 community, 137 back to school). Health Track Screenings have been at a standstill. We have been doing a lot with tobacco through social media: on our Facebook page and Instagram. We have been promoting the NDQUITS. Part of our funds from the state for tobacco have gone to COVID 19 efforts but now that there is CARES ACT money the funds are being pulled back into tobacco. COVID 19 updates: Currently we have a total of 175 positive cases in LaMoure County. At the last quarterly meeting, we had a total of 60 positive cases. The uptick is large for our county. The last quarter we had one active case and today we have a total of 60 active cases and three confirmed deaths. We have done testing events in Kulm, Edgeley, and LaMoure. In LaMoure we continue to do tests every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. which is open to everybody, you do not have to live in LaMoure County. We see about 50 people at Thursday's event. The thing that has changed is that at the beginning we were testing people who were just curious and now we are testing close contacts and people with symptoms. We are encouraging people to continue to social distance and follow guidelines from the North Dakota Department of Health and CDC for best practices. We do have the new mask rule where if both individuals are wearing a mask and one becomes positive, the other person doesn't have to quarantine but they still need to monitor for symptoms. The entire state is getting overwhelmed with the contact tracing so is taking a long time. They are working on that. Public Health ordered an Abbott ID now analyzer that will allow them to do testing and get results in 15 minutes. We will only be allocated so many tests each month which would be about 50 tests. They will have criteria that the person needs to be a close contact with symptoms, just have symptoms, or essential personnel. This will be really nice so we can get people back to school or work if they are negative or in isolation if they are positive. This will help to stop the spread and is good addition to the plan for the winter. A lot of the prevention grants have closed. They are the Partnership for Success, State Opioid Response, and HRS grants. We have applied for a new prevention grant which is going to focus on the underage drinking prevention and were awarded \$62,500 for a two-year period. We don't just get the money; we have to do activities and submit them for reimbursement. The financials look very good. Last quarter we did come out ahead and will be in the positive at the end of the year. The future meeting date is January 2021. Shannon Sandness has been hired as a nurse. She has Public Health experience and is a great asset. Chairman Heidinger adjourned the Public Health Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be done virtually. Chairman Heidinger will be at the courthouse and rest of the board will be on their Surface Pros.

There being no further business, Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020

---

LEE MILLER, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

---

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor