

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 2, 2015**

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Keith Heidinger called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Victor Weigel, Lee Miller, Bruce Klein and Bob Flath were also present. Attending the meeting were Lauren Worrel, County Highway Department; Matt Lange, KLJ; Caroline Homan, County Extension Office; Wanda Larson, Social Services Director; Gerald Harris, LaMoure Chronicle; and Patty Wood Bartle, The Edgeley Mail.

Chm. Heidinger asked for additions to the agenda. Salary schedule, Employee Assistance Program, and Letter for Memorial Park Project were added. Motion by Comm Klein, to accept the additions to the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Motion to approve May Minutes by Comm Miller, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Motion to pay Social Services' bills of \$5,727.82 by Comm Weigel, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Wanda Larson, Director of Social Services, asked the Commissioners about amending the Social Services budget due to all of the legislative changes. This was tabled until the next meeting to see regulations come about because of these changes.

Lauren Worrel gave the Highway Department update. Worrel stated that road crews are blading and spot graveling county roads also to the end of the pavement on 35 to Hwy 66. The culverts on the Marion Road are done except for one due to it being under water. Worrel reported that the crusher is still being worked on and should have it back by the end of the week.

Bids were opened for the paving project CNOB-2335(058) on Co Rd 61 last week. The bids were as follows: Central Specialties \$1,472,009.67, Knife River Materials \$1,549,101.05, and Strata Corporation \$1,452,492.40. Motion to accept Strata Corporation bid of \$1,452,492.40 by Comm Klein, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Matt Lange from KLJ gave an update on the Adrian Rd. They are excavating, but cannot put back together yet due to the rain.

Tyler Chappell approached the board to get permission to use county property for a pickup pull on June 26, 2015 in LaMoure. The Agreement would be the same as last year. Proof of insurance would be provided to the Auditor. Motion by Comm Weigel to approve the agreement; seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Caroline Homan from the County Extension Office presented the board with the 1st Quarter report from Julianne Racine who was not able to attend. Homan outlined a few of the projects they have worked on such as Hippology, Shooting Sports, Fundraising, School Enrichment, 4-H Project Day and going to the LaMoure Senior Center to show them how to creatively manage stress. Homan stated that the 4-H Project Expo would be on Saturday, June 20th, 2015 from 8:45am-12:00pm. Homan asked the Commissioners if one of them would be available to be one of the judges, and Comm Weigel stated that he would.

Chairman Heidinger reported that the truck regulatory person is no longer able to be a deputy in LaMoure County, and he is now a civilian employee in Barnes County. The Commissioners will review this program.

Marlene White, County Auditor, reported to the Commissioners that the State Auditors had been here. White stated that they will issue a report soon.

The Commissioners discussed sending a letter to transfer the OHF grant for the SWC Project #1285 from the Soil Conservation District to the County. Motion to request that the grant be transferred from the Soil Conservation District to LaMoure County by Comm Miller, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Break from 9:30am-9:40am

The Commissioners were informed that Al Berg at Premier Benefits was not able to quote a better price than \$1200/year that The Village had quoted for an Employee Assistance Program for LaMoure County. Motion to pursue a contract with The Village Business Institute for our Employee Assistance Program by Comm Flath, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed contracting with Arthur J. Gallagher Benefits Services to review the salary schedule for LaMoure County employees. The contract would cost between \$15,000 and \$17,000. Motion to pursue a contract with Arthur J. Gallagher Benefits Services for a salary schedule update by Comm Weigel, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Comm Miller suggested that the LaMoure County Country Club be the site of the next 5-County meeting to be held in July. Comm Miller also stated maybe it would be a good idea to offer a tour of the LaMoure County Museum. The Commissioners asked Comm Miller to check into these options and get back to them.

The Commissioner meeting recessed at 10:30 am, and the Tax Equalization was called to order. Tax Director Jan Meidinger recommended a 9% increase in ag land, a 12% increase in residential property, and a 5% increase in commercial property. This would set the county value at 94% which would be within the 90-100% of increase allowed by the State. The estimated 2015 taxable value for all property is \$36,264,634. Motion to increase ag land, residential, and commercial valuations by 94% across the board to bring to the State level by Comm Flath, seconded by Comm Miller. Passed by yes votes on unanimous roll call.

Meidinger reported to the Commissioners that the GIS system should be done by December. A discussion was held regarding the training of assessors which has been changed by the legislators. It was determined that it would not be feasible for the County to pay for the required schooling, and LaMoure County may need to hire a County Assessor to have on staff.

Motion to adjourn Tax Equalization meeting by Comm Klein, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AT&T MOBILITY	69.30
BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONS	6,370.00
BRUMFIELD/AMANDA	363.25
BRUMFIELD/TRACY	641.13
BUILDERS MART	92.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,430.60
CASS CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	102.00
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	122.10
CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT	626.85
COMFORT INN	370.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,937.97
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	1,243.57
COX REPAIR	569.68

DAKOTA PLAINS COOPERATIVE	4,802.50
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,081.37
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	612.55
DUFFY LAW OFFICE	2,562.79
EDGELEY MAIL	87.50
EVERT/RALPH	23.00
GOOD OIL COMPANY	3,039.19
HANSON/LESLIE	237.48
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE	121.38
HIWAY SERVICENTER	1,026.45
HWY 13 ONE-STOP SHOP INC	459.44
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	175.00
IWI LIGHTING	68.89
KADRMAS LEE & JACKSON INC	23,974.55
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	589.90
LAMOURE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	108.95
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	20.78
LAMOURE HARDWARE	328.81
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,788.65
LAMOURE POSTMASTER	68.00
LARSON GRAIN CO	90.07
LOOMER/DANIEL	30.00
MARCO INC	114.54
MEIDINGER/JAN	43.13
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP	1,839.52
MORRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	100.00
MYHRE LAW OFFICE	200.78
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	220.00
ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	6,556.93
ND SAFETY COUNCIL	900.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	2,513.50
NORTH DAKOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION	181.80
OPDAHL/DAVID	689.30
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	169.53
PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY	176.00
PETERSON ENTERPRISE INC	33.38
PURCHASE POWER	1,005.00
RELIABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES	245.96
RODIN'S CORNER	21.21
SECAP FINANCE	351.00
ST ROSE CARE CENTER	16,296.59
STOUDT-ROSS FORD INC	97.28
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	40.50
THE RADAR SHOP	156.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	517.13
UNIVERSAL SERVICES	486.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	97.08
WASTE MANAGEMENT	309.92
WEX BANK	640.83
WORREL/CINDY	66.70

Bills were reviewed. Motion by Comm Klein to pay the bills, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Comm Weigel, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF July, 2015

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARLENE WHITE, County Auditor