

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER
MEETING-September 19, 2017**

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Lee Miller called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Keith Heidinger, and Victor Weigel were also present. Also attending were Lauren Worrel, County Road Superintendent; Tonya Duffy, State's Attorney; Janice Hamlin, Auditor; Patty Wood-Bartle, Edgeley Mail; and Gerald Harris, LaMoure Chronicle. Also attending the meeting were Clay Cameron, Mike Weich, and Dan Moretz with Nextera Energy; and Mike Brandenburg.

Chairman Miller asked for additions to the agenda. Additions were to approve the September minutes, add Park Board Quarterly Meeting at 10:30 a.m., table DES/911 Kimberly Robbins planning and zoning to the next meeting, and elevator repair. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Social Service bills were presented for payment. Comm Heidinger made a motion for the bills to be paid, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. Total Expenditures: \$1,713.17.

County Road Superintendent Lauren Worrel reported that the crew has been blading county and township roads, crushing chips at the Seefeldt pit, pulling shoulders on CR 35 and only have three miles left to pull. They removed the box culvert on 81st Ave SE and replaced it with culverts. They have been hauling chips to Benson Shop and are scheduled to start chip sealing CR 60 on Thursday. Worrel would like to publish the weed mowing and hay bale removal notice in the paper September 27th, October 4th, and October 11th. The tops of approaches need to be mowed back to right-of-way will be added to the ad since the last one published. Comm Weigel made a motion to publish the weed mowing and hay bale removal notice in the papers, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried. Worrel would like board approval to give Donn Nelson a ditch cleaning permit on the county line. Kelly out of Oakes will be doing the work. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the ditch cleaning permit for Donn Nelson, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to sign the Federal Aid Program, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. Worrel mentioned the crew has a 2014 Black Mack on demo this week. The crew will knock down cattails this fall.

Valuations Northwest sent some information for the board to review on valuations for county owned property. The cost is approximately \$10,119. Comm Flath thinks it is a good idea for the future but it wasn't budgeted for next year.

Treasurer Cindy Worrel presented two abatements to be approved. One was a homestead credit for Robert Solinger. The county will get the money back from the state. She also requested exemption for the LaMoure Public School on a parcel the school purchased in 2015. The county will not get the money back on this one. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the homestead credit for Solinger and the exemption for the LaMoure School, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the minutes from the September 6th meeting (with grammar corrections) and the September 12th budget meeting, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Clerk of Court Karin Boom informed the board that she is willing to do the paperwork for the Court Facilities Improvement Grant. Ms. Boom and Custodian Roger Loegering have plans to request a new air conditioner for the courtroom, replace the lighting in the two offices behind the courtroom along with painting them, and get a copier for the Clerk of Court’s Office. There were no prices at this time but the cost will be presented when the grant is ready. The state share would be 75% and the county share would be 25%. Ms. Boom will need to be applied for the grant by the end of the year. The board agreed that Ms. Boom should apply for this grant.

The 2018 proposed expenditures for the budget have been completed and will be published in the newspaper this week. The “calculation of zero increase number of mills” (NDCC 57-15-02.1) was under zero percent, so an evening budget meeting and increase letters will not be required.

Custodian Roger Loegering informed the board that the elevator stopped working on the last court date. It will take approximately 14 weeks to get the parts needed to repair the elevator. It was decided to put a phone by the elevator in the basement along with a phone directory. Loegering was asked to also look at pricing a new elevator.

The following commissioner meeting dates were set: November 7th, November 21st, December 5th, and December 19th.

Break 9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BORDER STATES PAVING INC	7,399.76
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,265.79
CANDLEWOOD SUITES	163.80
CENEX FLEETCARD	457.38
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	249.70
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	105.00
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EMS OF LAMOURE	6.20
COMPUTER EXPRESS	3,698.06
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	11.34
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	193.98
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	83.02
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
DUFFY LAW OFFICE	1,921.79
FLATH/ROBERT	525.00
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	137,233.02
HEIDINGER/KEITH	607.20
HWY. 13 ONE-STOP SHOP, INC	402.45
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	649.30

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	86.68
KLEIN/BRUCE	554.16
LAMOURE CITY	186.34
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	50.00
LOOMER/DANIEL	200.00
MILLER/LEE	531.60
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	34.97
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE	19,146.00
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	103.37
NORTHERN TREE SERVICE	700.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,538.88
PHARMCHEM INC	50.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	63.39
RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	163.80
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	339.12
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	390.00
THORPE/JEANNE	98.18
VERIZON WIRELESS	429.00
VISA	5,923.00
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	64.72
WEIGEL/VICTOR	483.00

Clay Cameron, Mike Weich, and Dan Moretz with Nextera Energy attended the meeting to discuss the repowering of the wind towers. Mike Brandenburg was also in attendance. The towers were installed fourteen years ago. This project will begin in the fall of 2018 and take approximately six to eight weeks to complete. The towers and foundation will remain the same. They will replace the blades with longer ones, and replace the generator, rotors and gearboxes. There will be a new radar lighting system installed. The company is currently working on the studies and preparation work and will keep the board up to-date.

Recess for the Park Board Meeting 10:30 a.m.

Park Board Meeting:

Present – Commissioners: Weigel, Flath, Klein, and Miller; Park Board Members: Billi Warcken, Sonya Albertson, and Kenneth Klever; Park Manager, Mike Shockman; Edgeley Mail, Patty Wood-Bartle; LaMoure Chronicle, Gerald Harris; Auditor Janice Hamlin. Comm Heidinger and State’s Attorney Tonya Duffy left the meeting.

Mike Shockman reported that the park has had a good season with taking in \$28,000 in revenue so far this year. The grass has been planted along the roads.

The board had received three bids for a new mower. One was for a Gravely \$10,594, the second was for a John Deere \$9,732.69, and the third was for a Toro \$10,478.88. Billi Warcken made a motion to purchase the John Deere mower, seconded by Sonya Albertson. Motion carried. The old Toro mower from the park will go to the courthouse.

The board discussed doing siding, windows, soffit, and gutter work on the auditorium. There is not enough money in the budget so it will be revisited in the spring. They also discussed the stone

entryway. It was decided that the board needs to come up with a plan of exactly what kind of work they want done and then put the job out for bids. There is not enough money in the budget so this will be talked about at the spring meeting. The board was asked and agreed to donate a camping weekend as a door prize for the NDACO convention in October.

A few other items discussed were to add a few questions to the camping envelopes, get tools for the shop, repair the tractor, and cap the old septic tank hole by the old playground. All items were approved and will be taken care of. The Memorial Park house phone number is listed in the phone book. It will be removed. It was decided to start replacing the picnic tables. Shockman would like to work again next year as park manager but cut his hours by about 25 percent. Shockman asked if he could put an ad in the paper for firewood donations. The board was okay with the ad. The last item was a problem with kids driving golf carts. Law enforcement will be called to handle these situations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Reconvene Board of Commissioner's Meeting at 11:50 a.m.

There being no other business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm Weigel, seconded by Comm Flath. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2017

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor