

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER  
MEETING- November 17, 2020**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 17, 2020 with Chairman Keith Heidinger, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Marvin Schulz, Lee Miller, Bob Flath, State's Attorney James Shockman, and Auditor Jan Hamlin at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mai, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Chairman Heidinger called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

There were additions to the agenda. Comm Klein added park pedestals, Auditor Hamlin added election report, Comm Schulz added election, and State's Attorney Shockman added Twin Lakes Project update. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Comm Schulz made a motion to approve the November 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. Loegering said that all township roads should be bladed by the end of this week. He is hoping to do all the county roads two more times and any additional township roads by request. The Henrietta Bridge in the Bridge Bundling Project has been determined to be historical. A memorandum of agreement will need to be signed that acknowledges it is a historic bridge and the correct paperwork will be filed before it can be removed. KLJ is taking care of all the paperwork. The bridge can still be removed and replaced with a box culvert. Pictures will need to be taken and document when it was removed. Comm Flath made a motion to sign the MOA, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. Loegering wanted to revisit the 1<sup>st</sup> St SE Railroad Crossing Project located in LaMoure. Comm Flath went to the City of LaMoure Council meeting and reported the city didn't make a decision at the meeting. They are looking at the legality issues. Comm Flath feels that they will go with some kind of cost share with the county for the project. Comm Flath made a motion to move ahead with the 1<sup>st</sup> St SE Railroad Crossing Project with the stipulation that the City of LaMoure will help with the cost share, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. The cost share to the city and county would be 10% of approximately \$180,000. The commission would like the Co Rd 63 Railroad Crossing Project to go through as well in the next couple of years. Loegering gave an update on current projects. The CR61 (Lake Road) ditch clean out north of the river will be finished this week. There is a culvert washout to repair on the county line west of CR64. The Happy Hills washout FEMA project will be starting this week. After these projects are finished, they will be hauling more rocks to the gravel pits for future projects.

State's Attorney, James Shockman, said that he has had discussion with Mike Wendel who is on the township board for the Twin Lakes Drain Project. Mike said they have hired an attorney with Vogel Law Firm to help with issues they were having with the Department of Environmental Quality. The sulfate levels were too high for the water to drain into the river. Mr. Shockman indicated that he has been in contact with the attorney from Vogel Law, who indicated that they are working on an operations plan. It sounds like they completed it but are still working with NDDEQ to finalize. They are ready to start the construction of the drain. The county will not be doing the construction of the drain project. The township has the permitting process in place and will hire their own third-party contractor to start today or tomorrow. If the process starts, the county needs to put in their 36" culvert on the south side of the curves on the county road now. Eventually a gate will be needed on that culvert to stop the river from coming back into LaMoure if it gets too high. This culvert needed to be upsized to the 36" regardless of the Twin Lake Project.

Auditor Hamlin went over the final election totals. There were 2,237 total votes for the 2020 General Election. There were 1,625 votes by mail and 612 votes cast at the polling location. Hamlin wanted to thank the election workers for a job well done. She appreciated all their hard work, time and dedication they put into this election. There was a lot of training this time due to new election equipment. The General Election in 2016 had a total of 2,204 ballots cast. This year's turnout was good considering COVID. Comm Schulz wanted to add hats offs to those election workers who were willing to work during COVID. He also wanted to say he was privileged to serve as commissioner. He feels there is more to the job than a lot of people know. He thanked the commissioners for his appointment to serve this year.

Billi Warcken, Park Board Member, was contacted by an employee of Ag Country. Every year Ag Country allocates money to their employees to donate. Ag Country employees Sarah Mart and Julie Klein each

donated \$600.00 to Memorial Park for a total \$1,200.00 donation. Billi sent a thank you note. The plan is to use the donation to purchase new playground equipment. Billi talked with Caroline Homan and got the contact information for the company that Sunset Park used for their playground equipment. She will contact them in January for ideas. Billi gave an updated report on the t-shirt sales. There have been 37 more t-shirts sold which brought in \$185. There are currently 109 t-shirts left to sell. Comm Klein said that he visited with Kevin Shockman about the pedestals at the park. Kevin said that the river is really low and he feels that with one other person they could remove all the pedestals in a day. With two people and one bobcat it would take three days to put them all back in. It was decided to leave them in for now.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, shared her screen from the Department of Health website with statistics for COVID in LaMoure County. LaMoure County today has 43 active cases (a couple are hospitalized), two new positive, four recovered, and 14 deaths to date. Since the start of COVID, LaMoure County has a cumulative 305 positive cases. The positivity rate is approximately 20%. Kimberly went over who is currently on the LaMoure County Pandemic Incident Command Structure and part of the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) briefings. It is Chairman Heidinger, Comm Flath, State's Attorney James Shockman, Sheriff Fernandes, Jessica Duffy, Kimberly Robbins, Ashley Kottsick, and Jan Hamlin. Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, joined the meeting. The governor sent out new mandates Friday which included a mask mandate and no sports until December 14. Our numbers continue to rise. The hospital cases are in the 300's now and were maxed out at the 150 which is moving them into Phase II. LaMoure County is close to the next color level. The cases are no longer confined to the nursing home. They are wide spread throughout the communities. Fifty-three tests were done last Thursday. Half the tests were LaMoure residents and the other half were out of county residents. Most of the people testing are sick, a close contact, or nursing home staff. There will be a drive through testing event tomorrow in Kulm from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The location of the event is at the pool side of the park. Kulm has some EMS interested in learning how to run the test site. Jessica will be training them so if they would like to continue monthly testing she will coordinate and they will run the event. Edgeley EMS has interest as well. She will train them the week after Thanksgiving. There is a struggle for the smaller businesses if customers won't mask, as they don't want to turn customers away. These are the calls and questions Jessica is receiving.

Break 9:25 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.

Comm Klein made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

<b><u>Vendor Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
ALLIED ENERGY	2,046.66
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	447.14
CENEX FLEETCARD	789.66
CENTERFIELD BAR & GRILL	560.00
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	286.57
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	3,199.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	54.72
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
EDGELEY MAIL	201.50
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	3,466.45
FEDEX	24.76
FLATH/ROBERT	500.00
GALLS, LLC	54.94
GRAHAM TIRE ABERDEEN	1,678.40
GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT	36.74
GWORKS	12,500.00
HAKUNA MATATA	108.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	562.15
HENRY SCHEIN	208.99
HOUSE OF GLASS, INC	8,438.33
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,275.50
JAMESTOWN REGIONAL MED CT	1,184.00
JIM'S FLOOR COVERING INSTALLATION	117.69
KLEIN/BRUCE	205.18
KULM AMBULANCE CORPS	50.00
KULM MESSENGER	33.00

LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	29.97
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	328.50
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	1,060.18
MAC'S HARDWARE	645.98
MILLER/LEE	266.70
MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS INC	2,815.00
MODERN MARKETING	948.43
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	40.29
ND TOURISM DIVISION	250.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	140.68
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	565.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,070.80
QUILL CORPORATION	728.52
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	672.58
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.20
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC.	396.06
SCHULZ/MARVIN	223.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,870.34
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	6,020.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	2,962.74
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	279.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	410.37
WALKER/DELIA	45.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	188.40
WEX BANK	818.96
4IMPRINT, INC.	306.54

At approximately 10:04 a.m. Chairman Heidinger opened the Sale of Real Estate Forfeited to the County for Delinquent Taxes. Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, Tax Director, Denice Porter, Ron Senger, and Alan Nitschke joined the meeting and Michelle Fernandes joined virtually. The Chairman read the parcel number, legal description, and minimum price for each parcel separately. He started with parcel number 39-0109050, Lot 5, Blk C, Original Jud. Alan Nitschke offered the minimum bid \$242.36. Ron Senger challenged with a bid of \$262.36, and each raised their bid until Nitschke's bid of \$362. The property was awarded to Nitschke at that price. Alan Nitschke offered a bid of \$66.83 for parcel number 39-0109060, Lot 6, Blk C, Original Jud. There being no challenges to his bid, it was sold at that price to him. Ron Senger offered a bid of \$59.03 for parcel number 39-0102121, Rear 40 Feet of Lot 12, Blk 2, Original Jud. There being no challenges to his bid, it was sold at that price to him. Ron Senger offered a bid of \$59.03 for parcel number 39-0102130, Rear 40 Feet of Lot 13, Blk 2, Original Jud. There being no challenges to his bid, it was sold at that price to him. There were no bids for parcel number 33-0125120, W1/2 of Lot 12, Blk 25, Original LaMoure.

Legal Description	Parcel	Location or Address	Minimum Price
W1/2 Lot 12 Blk 25 Orig LaMoure	33-0125120	24 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave SE City of LaMoure	\$ 4,190.11
Lot 5 Blk C Orig Jud	39-0109050	432 Johnson St City of Jud	\$ 242.36
Lot 6 Blk C Orig Jud	39-0109060	432 Johnson St City of Jud	\$ 66.83
Rear 40 Ft of Lot 12 Blk 2 Orig Jud	39-0102121	519 Central Ave City of Jud	\$ 59.03
Rear 40 Ft of Lot 13 Blk 2 Orig Jud	39-0102130	519 Central Ave City of Jud	\$ 59.03

There being no further business, Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020

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KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

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JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor