

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
October 19, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 19, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Keith Heidinger, Jason Weigel and Bob Flath, State's Attorney James Shockman, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Treasurer Cindy Worrel, Tax Director Denice Porter, 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 Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Miller asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the September 30 budget minutes, the September 30 Special Park Board minutes and the October 7 minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, informed the commissioners that LaMoure County has been working on the TextMyGov project. The widget has been added to the county website. The widget gives a local active number you can text. This is like a built-in answering service so when you text in your question it directs you to the right department or person. The app can also allow anyone to send road reports and send pictures. We are looking into using it next summer to make and confirm camping reservations. It is set up to have communication back and forth with the public. As of now, Kimberly, Josh, and Shanel have logins to check the information. The county is still working on the best practices to review the logs and adjust any key works. Kimberly will provide additional information at the next meeting and then give a press release. Kimberly gave a FEMA update. DR4444 is the Spring 2019 flood event. There has been a one-year extension and the completed granted work date is 12/12/2021 for small projects. There is less than \$20,000 in funds remaining for townships to submit. The original federal and state obligation was over \$440,000. Grandview, Litchville, and Russell townships all have over \$1,000 to submit. The Kartes bridge project is approved and is a large project with a different timeline. DR4475 is the Fall 2019 flood event. An extension was granted to have the work completed by 7-21-2022 for small projects. The federal and state obligation was over \$280,000. DR4553 is the Spring 2020 flood event. The work will need to be completed by 01-09-2022 unless an extension is requested and granted. Ovid, Prairie, and Ray townships remain and all have over \$1,000 in projects to complete. There was over \$170,000 in federal and state obligations. Kimberly encouraged the commissioners to talk with the townships in their districts that have projects that need to be completed. She will bring it back at the second meeting in November to see if there should be an extension on any of them.

NDSU Extension Agent, Julianne Racine, gave her third quarter report. She said the majority of her field calls involved trees. After two years with water logged roots, the trees began expressing symptoms of that stress last year and continues in this year's drought. There were a lot of spider mites, suspected tip blight, adelgids, and more. Some trees also suffered from root girdling and deep planting. There is a tree program scheduled for October 21 that will address these concerns as well as tree management and care. Julianne is doing nitrate quick testing, forage testing, soil sampling, and weed id. She conducted six field tests for nitrates. Three fields tested positive for the presence of nitrates, which warrants diagnostic testing to find out the level present. Positive samples get sent to the NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab. When the results are returned it includes recommendations for dilution into a ration that will make it safe for the animals to eat. The average recommendation was a 40% mix. Three in-house tests have been done on forage which have resulted in little or no nitrate levels. The other test being done is the livestock water quality. Samples are sent to the NDSU Veterinary Diagnostic Lab for analysis to determine the levels of nitrates, sulfates, and TDS. As of today, none of the samples have been returned unsafe.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, went over some information on a vendor, Purchase Power, who the county uses for the postage at the courthouse. We currently have Purchase Power on the prepaid list but have trouble getting the check to them in the mail before their due date. The last bill for some reason was late and they are charging the county finance charges of \$66.61, a late fee of \$39.99, and we always pay that \$15.00 overage. Cindy would like to pay them through the online account that she has set up as soon as she sees an invoice. The invoice will still go to the commissioners at the next meeting like all prepaids. The commissioners all agreed that it would be okay to do it that way.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, stated the Horseshoe Saloon in Grand Rapids has many updates including the kitchen and walk-in cooler, added a game room, stage/building, and camper hook-ups. The omitted

taxes would be for 2020. There was a hearing on October 14, 2021. No one appeared from Horseshoe Saloon. A five percent discount would be allowed if paid by November 18, 2021 and the total amount at that time would be \$1,300.58. Comm Weigel made a motion to add the omitted property to the tax roll, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Klein made a motion to allow the five percent discount if paid by November 18, 2021, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, had a handout of House Bill number 1199 which covered the legislative changes for NDCC 57-28-20 (Disposition of proceeds of sales).

Auditor Hamlin said that there will need to be a special meeting October 29 at 8:30 a.m. for the appraisal hearing for townships and cities on the minimum sale price on the foreclosed property.

Comm Flath said there was an article on the Memorial Park Streambank Project that NRCS helps protect the county museum from flood damage.

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>
A W DIESEL SERVICE	1,560.12
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	61.58
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	4,517.89
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,317.46
CHAMP SOFTWARE INC	261.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,755.98
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	38.10
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	92.92
FLATH/ROBERT	311.20
GOOD/LAURIE	203.84
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE	50.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	455.68
HENRY SCHEIN	3,214.32
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,365.00
JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	476.75
JAMESTOWN REGIONAL MED CT	116.00
JENSEN ROCK & SAND, INC	897.36
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	559.37
K.P. SHOCKMAN TREE MOVING	1,102.40
KLEIN/BRUCE	324.92
KULM MESSENGER	255.10
L & S WORREL TRUCKING, INC.	2,876.25
LAMOURE CO SOIL CONSERVATION DIST	238.90
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	115.50
LLOYDS MOTORS	173.05
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	29.92
MILLER/LEE	396.88
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	31.25
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	254.23
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	120.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	9,297.69
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	1,060.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,307.82
PACWEST TOOL AND SAFETY	663.90
PORTER/DENICE	61.04
PRINSCO, INC	647.00
QUILL CORPORATION	384.44
RAMKOTA HOTEL	172.80
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	15.68
STUTSMAN CO CORRECTION CENTER	2,400.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	10,328.10
VAN ZEE/LUCAS	220.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	652.56
WALKER/DELIA	60.00

WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,205.55
WEIGEL/JASON	374.48
WEX HEALTH, INC.	583.00
Z'S TREES RESIDENTIAL, LLC	2,800.00

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor