

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER  
MEETING- November 5, 2020**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Thursday, November 5, 2020 with Vice Chairman Lee Miller, Auditor Jan Hamlin, and DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were Commissioners Keith Heidinger, Bruce Klein, Marvin Schulz, Bob Flath, State's Attorney James Shockman, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mai, Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle and Royce. Vice Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

There was one addition to the agenda. It was the mobile equipment unit for the courthouse. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the October 20<sup>th</sup> minutes after a typo correction, seconded by Comm Schulz. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. Loegering said that the Prairie Dog funding will not be available in 2021. The blade operators are trying to get as many roads bladed this week before it gets cold next week. The snow made them a mess. The county roads are first priority and the township snow routes are second priority. Loegering went over the current projects. He said that the NDDOT will approve the railroad project on CR 63 north of Harmsen's Greenhouse. Red River Valley Western submitted a railroad crossing gate project at 1<sup>st</sup> Street Southeast in LaMoure and this one ranks higher than the crossing on CR 63. If a gate system isn't installed on the 1<sup>st</sup> St SE crossing, it could be shut down due to safety concerns. The county share for the one in LaMoure would be \$18,000. Comm Flath said that he would like to consult with the City of LaMoure at their monthly meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> and make a decision at the next commissioner meeting. The ditch mowing is done except for a few bridges. The crew has finished the bad spots on the golf course road today. The crew finished a Sheridan Township FEMA project with 700 yards of material yesterday. The Happy Hills washout FEMA project will hopefully be finished before freeze up. The CR 61 (Lake Road) ditch clean out north of the James River will be done next week.

The commissioners discussed the mobile equipment unit for the courthouse. Computer Express gave an estimated of \$1,699. The mobile equipment unit would provide a stand-alone cart with video/audio that could be used in any room for virtual meetings. This would be something that might qualify under the Cares Act money. The commissioners feel it would be used throughout the courthouse. Comm Heidinger made a motion to purchase the equipment, seconded by Schulz. Motion carried.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, said that her department spends a lot of money on mileage. She would be interested in an all-wheel drive or four-wheel drive vehicle. Comm Klein visited with Sheriff's Fernandes about one of their vehicles that is not in use and sitting at the Highway Department. It is a 2015 Ford Expedition. It has about 40% tire life so should be okay for this winter. This vehicle would be used only at the Health Department. The department head is in charge of the gas, maintenance, etc. Comm. Flath made a motion to designate the 2015 Ford Expedition with VIN number 1FMJU1GT0FEF42205 to LaMoure County Public Health, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote Comm Schultz-yes; Comm Flath-yes; Comm Klein-yes; Comm Heidinger-yes; Vice Chair Miller-yes. Motion carried. LaMoure County is in the Orange category in the state as far as COVID. The nursing home isn't reporting any new cases which is good. This means that current cases are community spread and throughout the whole county. Duffy would like to see the county sending out a letter to all county entities and putting a press release in the local newspapers. The letter would be supporting the governor's recommendations, guidelines, requirements, physical distancing, and mask up ND to reduce the county spread of COVID. All the commissioners are in favor of the letter and press release. It was mentioned that the City of Edgeley did approve a mask mandate. The transformation of the LaMoure County Public Health Board will be discussed in the near future.

Extension Agent Julianne Racine gave her 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report. LaMoure County has the ability to extract core samples for analyzing feed value of hay and other baled vegetation. Julianne took core samples from fifteen bales and submitted them for feed analysis. At the producer's hay auction, she provided copies of the results and explained what they meant. Julianne responded to several drift allegations, helped with the Dickey-LaMoure Livestock show and the James River Sportsman's Club 3-D Shoot. She has also continued with the Drive-In movies at Green Iron in LaMoure. It is gaining popularity and proving to be a great social distancing event. Attendees are able to listen with their vehicle's stereo.

Break 9:35 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Auditor Jan Hamlin gave an election update. The election went well. We mailed out 1764 ballots and as of today we received back 1626. The vote by mail/absentee board processed 1615 ballot election day, nine ballots will go to canvass, one ballot was in yesterday's mail, one ballot was in today's mail, and there are four set aside ballots. As of today, there will be fifteen ballots that will go to canvass board on Monday plus whatever comes in the mail by Monday morning. The Edgeley polling location had 609 voters on election day so 2224 ballots were counted on election day. Election workers were asked how many didn't mask election day and they said about 11%. In October Hamlin was made aware of a grant through The Center for Technology and Civic Life to help with the extra Covid expenses for election. They awarded LaMoure County \$5,000 and I accepted \$3,500. That was the amount I could relate to being extra Covid election expenses. Hamlin stated she was fortunate the state paid for Site Support through ES&S. The individual sent was wonderful. She helped set up the polling location, stayed at the poll location election day until 1:00 p.m. and went back at 6:00 p.m. to help with election workers at the end of the day.

Michelle Masset, the South Country Human Service Zone Director, joined the meeting virtually. The Zone Administered and Private Pay Services Policy was sent to the Commissioners and State's Attorney for review. The commissioners said that the plan was very detailed. Michelle said that the plan follows the DHS system. It explains how the zone will work together. All the plans throughout the state have the same outline. The commissioners asked how the transition is going. Michelle said that the travel has been a concern and this has happened throughout the state. Our zone has great employees and a lot of years of service. Comm Heidinger made a motion for LaMoure County to approve the zone plan presented, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote Comm Klein-yes; Comm Flath-yes; Comm Schulz-yes; Comm Heidinger-yes; Vice Chair Miller-yes. Motion carried.

The appraisal hearing started at 10:05 a.m. City of LaMoure Auditor, Gina Haugen, and City of Jud Auditor, Michelle Fernandes joined the meeting virtually. There are five total parcels to be appraised. One is in LaMoure and four in Jud. Parcel number 33-0125120 W1/2 Lot 12 Block 25 Original LaMoure had a minimum price set at \$3,276.11. Gina Haugen, City of LaMoure Auditor, would like to add \$914 for delinquent utility bills. Parcel number 39-0109050 Lot 5 Block C Original Judy had a minimum price set at \$242.36. Parcel number 39-0109060 Lot 6 Block C Original Jud had a minimum price set at \$66.83. Parcel number 39-0102121 Rear 40 Feet of Lot 12 Block 2 Original Jud had a minimum price set at \$59.03. Parcel number 39-0102130 Rear 40 Feet of Lot 13 Block 2 Original Jud had a minimum price set at \$59.03. Michelle Fernandes, City of Jud Auditor, said they didn't want to add anything to the minimum price. Comm Flath made a motion to set the minimum price on parcel number 33-0125120 at \$4,190.11, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to set the minimum price on parcel number 39-0109050 at \$242.36, seconded by Comm Schulz. Motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to set the minimum price on parcel number 39-0109060 at \$66.83, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to set the minimum price on parcel number 39-0102121 at \$59.03, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to set the minimum price on parcel number 39-0102130 at \$59.03, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

The November 17 Sale of Tax Deed Properties at 10:00 a.m. will be virtually and in person.

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

<b><u>Vendor Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
ABERLE/RON	162.00
AUTO CREATION & SIGNS	58.25
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	198.00
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	106.45
BOHNENSTINGL/SHANEL	23.00
BORDER STATES PAVING INC	10,785.39
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	272.06
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	23.04
CITY OF KULM	74.88
CITY VIEW FUEL	35.50
COLE PAPERS INC	159.93
COMPUTER EXPRESS	903.99
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,545.85
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	4,011.71
DS SOLUTIONS	200.00

DUFFY/JESSICA	246.10
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV	176.97
ECONOMY OIL INC	3,087.04
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	180.65
FARGO FREIGHTLINER	285.23
GALLS, LLC	353.52
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	7,030.22
GOOD OIL COMPANY	16,417.00
GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT	36.74
HAMLIN/JANICE	101.99
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	591.22
HENRY SCHEIN	984.18
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	117.90
HOMAN/CAROLINE	313.50
IAAO	440.00
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	15.98
JOHNSON MFG INC	22.60
K.P. SHOCKMAN TREE MOVING	455.00
KETTERLING/JACKIE	181.13
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	787.76
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	33.71
KULM MESSENGER	1,467.56
KULM SERVICE	7.25
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	2,041.29
LAMOURE CITY	186.81
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	1.09
LAMOURE HARDWARE	1,132.33
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	911.11
LEAF	121.00
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	1,030.85
MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS INC	945.99
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY	2,289.96
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	500.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	11,938.92
NDACO	1,350.76
NDAE4-HYW	100.00
NDSU DEPT 3110	59.50
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	8,521.61
NORTH DAKOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION	587.20
NORTHWEST TIRE INC	3,155.96
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER CENTER	5.92
PFIZER, INC.	3,959.56
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	46.48
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	261.35
QUILL CORPORATION	373.36
RACINE/JULIANNE	167.90
RADAR SHOP/THE	360.00
SANDNESS/SHANNON	26.45
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	5,884.43
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.28
TITAN MACHINERY	640.98
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	162.15
VERIZON WIRELESS	954.94

Under correspondence, it was mentioned that the Court Facilities Advisory Committee is accepting application for grants until December 31, 2020.

The commissioner would like to keep the courthouse closed to by appointment only for now.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020

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KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

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JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor