

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER
MEETING- September 3, 2020**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Thursday, September 3, 2020 with Chairman Keith Heidinger, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Lee Miller, Bob Flath, and Marvin Schulz, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, and State's Attorney James Shockman at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Chairman Heidinger called the meeting to order at approximately 8:41 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

There was one addition to the agenda. Comm Miller added a county owned small parcel of land in Adrian Township. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger asked if there were additions or corrections for the August 18th Commissioner meeting minutes. There were none. Comm Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. All township shoulder pulls for the year were completed Monday. They are starting to gravel over bad spots on the county line between CR 61 and CR 60 with oversized gravel. The Berlin box culvert patch is complete and came in \$7,000.00 under budget. The total cost was approximately \$38,000.00. The Jud bridge project is complete. The project began on August 4th and was open to traffic on August 18th. It took two days to remove the old bridge and six days to install the new one. The new bridge is now eligible for federal aid and will be inspected by the DOT. The ditch cleaning on CR 33 in Kulm is complete along with the installation of five culverts. The CR 62 paving project started on August 25th and will be completed today. Most of the work over the next two weeks will be county road ditch cleaning and culvert installations. Loegering said he had a few more items he didn't have on his agenda. LaMoure County Highway Department took first place in the 2020 FHWA national competition, Build a Better Mousetrap. In North Dakota this program is known as Innovation Champions. Tim Geinert designed and Martin Potts and Larry Worrel helped with fabrication on the Spring Load Arm Enhancement, which prevents damage to the gravel saver disc. The innovation was submitted in 2019, took first place at the local and regional level, and national level in the Pioneer Award category. On September 10 Tim Geinert will be presenting to county, city, tribal and federal jurisdictions across the country about LaMoure County's innovation. Loegering also mentioned that the consultant finished all the bridge inspections and we had six Alert Code 3 bridges. We had three last year and now have six. With Alert Code 3, we have to notify the NDDOT of what our plan is to fix the location. The next step up is the critical findings which requires you to fix that day or close the bridge. We had two critical findings which was the bridge south of Verona where we closed one lane until we fix it. The other one is north of Grand Rapids where we closed the corner of the bridge. A new bridge listed as Alert Code 3, which Loegering did not know was an issue, is straight south of Adrian about three miles. It is a concrete bridge. The bridge may not be able to be repaired. It will have to be monitored. The whole deck has shifted over three inches. It is eligible for federal funding but if that bridges goes down there is no good way to go around. It is very narrow and it is twisting and tipping to the west. It may be a two-million-dollar bridge to replace. Comm Flath inquired if there will be crack leveling done on the Lake LaMoure Road. Loegering said yes it could be done.

Holly Braun with Agri Valley Insurance went over the insurance quotes. The quotes are as follows: \$19,459 for general liability, \$44,080 for business auto with \$100/\$100 deductible or \$34,493 with \$250/\$500 deductible, and \$4,855 for inland marine. The new snow plows raise the cost on the business auto. The county currently has the \$100/\$100 deductible for business auto. After some discussion, Comm Flath made a motion to change from the \$100/\$100 deductible (comp/collision) to the \$250/\$500 deductible (comp/collision), seconded by Comm Schulz. Motion carried. Comm Flath made a motion to accept the general liability, business auto and inland marine, seconded by Bruce Klein. Motion carried.

Auditor Jan Hamlin presented election information. The county will be mailing ballot applications starting September 14, 2020. If you checked general or all statewide on your application in the primary, you will receive a ballot sometime after September 24, 2020. There will be one polling location open for the general election on election day at the Edgeley National Guard Armory Gymnasium (508 1 Ave W Edgeley, ND). The hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you vote by mail, there is a drop box located at the northeast corner of the courthouse (202 4th Ave NE LaMoure, ND). You can drop off 24/7 until 5:00 p.m. November 2 (the day before the election). If you mail your ballot, it must be postmarked by November 2 (the day before the election and arrive before the Canvass Board meets Monday,

November 9th). If you would like to use the express vote before election day, please contact the Auditor's Office for an appointment 883-6040.

Hamlin introduced the new Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Sheila Wendel. She started training in the Treasurer's Office but will be helping with election soon.

Comm Miller said he was asked if the county would sell a small parcel of land in Section 2 Township 136 Range 63. The county owns the land. It is on the north side of Highway 46. What would be the process? It would have to be surveyed, put into its own plot and then open up to the public for bid. The county is currently leasing it to a Naze and the current lease runs through March of 2022.

Break 9:18 a.m. to 9:28 a.m.

The Memorial Park Board quarterly meeting was called to order by Park Board Chairman Lee Miller at approximately 9:28 a.m. Park Board members present were: Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Marvin Schulz, Billi Warcken, Sonya Albertson, and Curwood Seefeldt. Also attending was Park Supervisor Kevin Shockman.

A new well has been installed but it was tested and had arsenic level at a 16 and it should be below a 10. Water has been running through the well for a day to flush it out and a new sample has been sent. The results should be back Friday. If it is still too high, the well could be dug deeper, try a new well, or filter the system and post to the public there is high arsenic levels.

The Gator at the park hasn't been used the last year and a half. It is in the way. It runs but is really slow. Shockman would like to see it go in as a trade for a good sprayer or up for sale. The decision was to put it up for sale. The park still uses the old tractor so wants to keep it. They could add a bucket or cage and use it to trim trees.

The weekend camper area needs trees trimmed or cut down. Z's Tree Service from Gackle gave an estimate of \$3,000 to \$6,000 for the work including chipping. They would like to do the work in the fall before the leaves fall off. It was decided to be proactive and take care of the issue before it becomes a problem. Shockman stated that the park will be winding down after this weekend so the work could begin then.

Shockman would like to see the monument moved from beside the shop to across the road in a nice big area to be seen. If the park equipment is parked on the road in front of the shop and house, you can't see it. Mr. Flath suggested that the Historical Society be contacted to make sure it can be moved and look into the cost.

The campground bathrooms were built in 1976 and are in need of a remodel or a rebuild. Kevin and Sonya will get local quotes and make sure it is handicap accessible.

The quilt sales from the centennial brought in \$1,725.00 for playground equipment. It was discussed that maybe a grant could be applied for to help with cost for a few new pieces at a time. The Garrison Diversion has a recreational grant that matches 25%. Shockman would like to see the monkey bars moved to the playground or taken out since no one uses them where they are currently located and they are in the way for campers. Mr. Klein volunteered to call the state to inspect the playground equipment.

It was brought up that the signs in the park are all different. Some signs are old and you can't read them, some are wood, some are metal, some are yellow, some are red print and some are black. Maybe consolidate the information and put one by the entrance. Shockman will get in contact with Newman Signs in Jamestown and research options. Sonya Albertson suggested to put up a map as well. She will check into it.

The museum ceiling needs work. The building was built to be kept warm and it isn't heated in the winter. The plaster and lathe need ventilation. The museum board hasn't had anyone look into cost or research. It was decided that they should check into some options and prices for repair. Sonya will contact Terri Potts who is on the museum board.

The next item was the centennial recap. The income was \$24,130.00 and the total expenses were \$18,628.37. It was great to show a positive return. Business' bought book sponsorships; Titan and Green Iron donated for the pedal pull; DRN paid for one band and a group of people paid for the other band. A lot of people stepped up and donated. The Baseball Boosters and the Edgeley Gaming came through with more money than expected. The centennial committee did a great job.

There are less than 150 t-shirts for sale for \$5.00. All of the centennial books have been sold.

Shockman will talk with Lee Luck about the final work for the entrance and auditorium. One of the piers that holds the main beams is crumbling on the auditorium.

It was decided that they will only plant grass and maybe flowers at the entrance for landscaping.

The park house has a leak in the ceiling from the chimney. Mr. Klein said that is has been fixed for now by Ron Paul. The house needs shingles and a few minor repairs. A quote has been submitted by JZP Construction for \$6,365.70 for next year. There are some hunters who have rented the house in

October. Shockman will notify them of the current water damage and see if they would still be interested in renting.

The storm shelter has not been forgotten. It will take place in the future.

Billi Warcken informed the board that in 2019 the camping fee income was \$29,475 and in 2020 it is at \$38,128 with the biggest weekend of the season to happen this weekend. There are currently 29 paid seasonal spots which are \$700.00 per year. There are five on the waiting list.

Chairman Miller adjourned the Park Board meeting at 10:38 a.m.

The commissioner meeting reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLIED ENERGY	3.45
AT&T MOBILITY	61.11
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	63.00
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	265.79
BUILDERS MART	353.40
CITY OF KULM	74.72
COLE PAPERS INC	505.11
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,421.99
CORNER HOME MEDICAL	460.00
DAKOTA COUNTRY TRUCKS LLC	400.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,467.57
DUFFY/JESSICA	471.50
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	1,299.80
GALLS, LLC	253.92
GOOD OIL COMPANY	3,831.30
HENRY SCHEIN	107.07
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	420.07
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	40.23
KADRMAS LEE & JACKSON INC	474.87
KETTERLING/JACKIE	158.70
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	653.71
LAMOURE CITY	209.81
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	31.75
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	456.05
LEAF	121.00
LEXIS-NEXIS	56.93
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	8,501.99
MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS INC	2,769.13
PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY	3.17
QUILL CORPORATION	93.98
RM STOUDT, INC	44.80
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC.	397.50
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO/THE	213.35
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,484.14
STRATA CORPORATION	41,934.75
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS INC	122.86
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	48.95
TITAN MACHINERY	1,950.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	5,673.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	76.58
US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	738.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	44,059.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	376.12
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	50.00
WEX BANK	473.50

There being no further business, Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor