

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
July 6, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 6, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Keith Heidinger, and Jason Weigel, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Auditor Jan Hamlin, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were State's Attorney James Shockman, DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins, Public Health Director Jessica Duffy, and Christine Henderson from 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 weren't any additions. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the June 15th minutes, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, gave his report. Josh said that the final certification of local match for the CR 62 overlay project needs to be signed. This form means that the county didn't use any other federal funds to pay for this project. The county used the farm to market account. Comm Flath made a motion to sign the final certification of local match for the CR 62 overlay project, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. CR 66 shoulder pulls are almost finished and there are two miles left to gravel. The county will then start the township shoulder pulls. The bridge bundling projects anticipated start date is in early August. Chip sealing will be done July to early August. They will be working on CR 62 from county line to CR 34, City of LaMoure (3 tankers), and City of Edgeley (5 tankers). The crew will then do crack sealing on CR 35 west of Dickey. Josh will meet with TrueNorth Steel tomorrow to look at the CR 34 bridge and get an estimate for the cost to repair. The abutments are good but the deck is undersized. They might be able to replace the deck with a prefab bridge for under \$100,000. The crew will do one mile of auto seal this year.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, gave her COVID report. The vaccine is working. Most cases hospitalized have not been vaccinated. One case of the new Delta Variant has been identified in North Dakota. The vaccine is effective, but less effective against the Delta Variant as compared to earlier variants. Early studies show that natural immunity is not effective against the Delta Variant. LaMoure County has had a total of 537 positive cases. As of June 29, 2021 there are zero active cases. LaMoure County had 17 confirmed deaths "due to COVID". There have been eight tests done in the last seven days. Guidance remains the same to social distance six feet, mask if not vaccinated, wash hands, and avoid large gatherings. Follow the direction from the ND Department of Health and the CDC for best practices. If you are sick, stay home and get vaccinated. Surveillance testing occurs in the office on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. If you are sick, see your healthcare provider for appropriate diagnosis. Over 3,087 first and second doses have been given to residents, 387 have been administered in the last two months. LaMoure County reports that 50.5% have had at least one dose of the COVID vaccine and the goal is 70%. Nurses are holding pop up clinics for all shots across the county. The Pfizer vaccine has been approved for 12 and older. LaMoure County Public Health has both Pfizer and Moderna on hand. Those 20 and 30 years of age are the least vaccinated age groups in LaMoure County. LaMoure County has had low numbers of COVID cases for three months. LaMoure County Public Health has adequate emergency supplies on hand. Vaccinations are working in the fight against COVID. LaMoure County Public Health currently has adequate fiscal resources designated to respond to COVID emergencies. Jessica's recommendation is to rescind the Emergency Declaration. Comm Heidinger made a motion to rescind the COVID Emergency Declaration, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, joined the meeting for equalization decisions. Comm Klein made a motion to give the Godlewski parcel numbers 38-0117120 and 38-0117060 a 10% obsolescence factor decrease on the container houses only, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Weigel made a motion to leave the value as assessed on the Ronald Klein property, parcel number 34-1433110, due to the fact the garage has been there for a period of time and has never been assessed to that parcel, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Klein made a motion to deny the request for a decrease on the property ag land value for Jack and Jan Schulz, parcel number 21-0503150, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Their concern was with the ag land value and that will need to be addressed at the state. Denice reported that the new values for residential will be coming in high. Denice is having some program issues with the values being transferred from Vanguard to the county software program. Denice is working with the state on these issues. The ag and commercial values are okay. It was decided to table setting the county values and revisit at the next meeting.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, let the commissioner know this is the year for redistricting the county. The official publication of the 2020 census data is prompted when the census data for the state is transmitted to the Governor. This action sets in motion the process of redistricting for counties. The estimated date is August 16, 2021. Jan would like to start the process of forming a redistricting board. The board will consist of the Chairman of Board of County Commissioners (also serves as the Chairman of the redistricting board), the State's Attorney, a citizen or governing board member of the largest city, a township supervisor selected by the township supervisors at the township supervisors meeting convened by the county auditor, a citizen at large selected by representatives from each of the cities, excluding the largest city, and the county auditor, as ex officio, nonvoting member for the purpose of advising the restricting board on other existing election districts and precinct boundaries. Jan stated that the State's Attorney will help us through the redistricting process. The redistricting will need to be finished by December 31, 2021.

The Memorial Park Board quarterly meeting was called to order by Park Board Chairman Lee Miller at approximately 9:16 a.m. Park Board members present were: Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Billi Warcken, Sonya Albertson, and Park Supervisor Kevin Shockman. Absent was Curwood Seefeldt. There was one addition to the agenda which was seasonal camping issues. Supervisor, Kevin Shockman, would like to see changes in the policy manual. He would like campers to make reservations instead of the first come first-served policy. There are instances when single campers are coming and parking in the group spots. That spot could have held three campers and now has one camper on it. Also, something needs to be put in the policy to address four wheelers at night. The other issue happening is that seasonal spots have visitors coming and leaving their camper unplugged so aren't paying when they aren't plugged in. The board told Kevin that everyone needs to pay per day whether their camper is plugged in or not. The board wasn't comfortable with making any policy changes half way through a season. The changes need to be made before next season begins. The entrance lights are not working but Kevin is looking into getting them repaired. Kevin said that the new well is testing high for arsenic. He is waiting for information from the state on how you can filter it. A few board members and Kevin went to Willowbank Colony to view a cement building to see if that would work for a new campground bath house. They found out the cost would be very high, \$200,000, for the shell only. Quotes earlier this year were \$100,000 for a new building and a remodel of \$30,000 plus \$25,000 for plumbing. It was decided to get a cleaning company in to clean for now and get new quotes. The playground equipment has been delivered but not installed. Cement needs to be laid and the contractor has not been in contact with Kevin. A motion was made by Mr. Klein to order a new sign for the park, seconded by Mr. Flath. All voting aye, motion carried. Billi Warcken will order the new sign. There was discussion about having a garbage dumpster put in front of the museum. The museum board will discuss it at their meeting on Thursday. There was also discussion about the trees in front of the museum. It was decided to leave the trees for now and cut them down if needed when they get bigger. The raises for the 2021 season are as follows: seasonal employees received a 50-cent raise and the park supervisor received a 75-cent raise. Kevin said that the tree by the shop needs trimming and will contact Z's Trees to do the work. The Memorial Park Board Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Break 10:22 a.m. to 10:32 a.m.

The Commissioner meeting reconvened. Auditor, Jan Hamlin, informed the commissioners there haven't been any applicants for the LaMoure County School District Reorganization Board.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	4,672.00
ALLIED ENERGY	70.00
AT&T MOBILITY	61.81
AVID HAWK LLC	435.00
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	63.00
CANAD INNS DESTINATION CENTRE	279.20
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	367.04
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	8,856.00
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	149.87
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EMS LAMOURE	200.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
D VENTURE	65.00

DACOTAH PAPER CO.	234.51
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	100.23
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	2,810.42
DEERE CREDIT, INC.	4,222.50
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,252.96
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	443.00
DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON	259.20
DUFFY/JESSICA	304.88
ECONOMY OIL INC	4,035.04
EDGELEY MAIL	132.50
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	353.40
GOOD OIL COMPANY	35,905.36
HAMLIN/JANICE	205.66
HEARTLAND/VISA	1,891.12
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	152.00
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	95.99
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	19.92
K.P. SHOCKMAN TREE MOVING	985.00
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	1,755.92
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	332.00
LAMOURE CITY	183.81
LAMOURE CO SOIL CONSERVATION DIST	75.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	22.11
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	38.71
LAMOURE HARDWARE	801.44
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	2,918.83
LEAF	120.40
MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE COM	104.98
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	59.10
MARQUART/ANDREW S.	198.00
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	32,308.76
MINNESOTA VALLEY TESTING LABS	18.00
MONTANAN-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO	34.54
ND DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	4,362.02
NDACS	50.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	128.97
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER CENTER	270.95
OTTERTAIL POWER CO	2,551.36
PEPSI-COLA	165.68
PREFERRED TRANSMISSION, INC.	1,063.84
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	27.48
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
QUILL CORPORATION	358.45
RACINE/JULIANNE	303.04
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	51.52
SANDNESS/SHANNON	118.72
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	5,251.64
SHOCKMAN/JAMES	261.94
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	1,263.24
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	57.03
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	22.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,018.05
WORREL/CINDY	202.72
YOUNG INNOVATIONS	50.23

The museum summer hours are Saturday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor