

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER  
MEETING-January 16, 2018**

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Bruce Klein called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Lee Miller, Bob Flath, Keith Heidinger, and Victor Weigel were also present. Also attending were Janice Hamlin, Auditor; Patty Wood-Bartle, Edgeley Mail; Art Hagebock, LaMoure Chronicle; Julianne Racine and Caroline Homan of County Extension with Ron Wiederholt of the State Board of Ag Research and Education; Kimberly Robbins, Emergency Manager; Ashley Kottsick, Director of Social Services; Denice Porter, Tax Director; Karin Boom, acting Secretary; LaMoure County Health Department Director, Tony Hanson; Jessica Duffy, Darcy Klever and Anna McClean. Absent was State's Attorney, Tonya Duffy.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. There were no additions. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the minutes for the January 4th meeting, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

County Road Superintendent Lauren Worrel reported that night sign inspections would be completed this week. Equipment maintenance and repairs are being done in the road shop. Planning and survey projects for CR 62 box culvert and 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave bridge project near Jud are being prepared. The County Highway Engineers Conference will be held in Fargo January 24-26 and Worrel will attend.

Julianne Racine and Caroline Homan introduced Ron Wiederholt of the State Board of Ag Research and Education who described the results of the Internal Review of Extension completed by the State. Four programming areas were examined- Programming, Marketing the programming, Structure, and Funding. Programming and Marketing of programming were combined. The structure was driven by funding and a vacant district position, so four state districts were immediately combined into three. Wiederholt's 11 county district now consists of 20 counties. County Extension is currently funded using a formula of 50% of salary funded by counties, 50% by the state and the state provides the benefits package. The result of the review is that the funding formula is likely to be changed in the next legislative session to combine salary and benefits and split the cost between county and state at 40/60 with the state paying 60%. Benefit costs have increased at a much higher rate than salary costs and the state has been impacted by the increases at a much higher rate than counties. This formula will distribute the increases equitably. The proposal would be a net increase to LaMoure County of \$4600 in the 2019 budget year.

Auditor Jan Hamlin reported that the state has set the mileage reimbursement rate at .545 to match federal rates. ND law states that we can't use a rate lower than the state rate so it will have to be adjusted. A motion was made by Comm Miller to raise the county mileage rate to .545, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Ashley Kottsick, Social Services Director informed the board of two upcoming positions on the County Social Service Board. The nominations for those positions are Comm Weigel and Glenda Townsend. A motion was made by Comm Flath to appoint the two nominees, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Auditor Hamlin presented a paid under protest objection by Justin Klein to the board. The 2017 value of his residential real estate was raised by \$74,389 and he claims that since he has owned the property he has not made improvements or taken out building permits. Denice Porter, Tax Director was present to explain the situation. The original owner, David Hay, moved the house to its current location and had a permit to do so. The property was assessed at that time. However, an addition was added as well as a garage with heated floor and the property was sold before being re-assessed for those improvements. The board agreed that the value was proper for the property and did not make any change. Hamlin also said an abatement has been filed, but the City of LaMoure will have to review it before bringing it to the board.

Chairman Klein discussed the appointment of a commissioner to attend a meeting in Valley City to discuss a possible regional jail project. Comm Weigel said he would attend the meeting.

Kimberly Robbins informed the board of February Heart Month events. The county employees are eligible for heart health screenings free of charge which will be funded by the NDPERS grant and the wellness budget funds. Two classes on CPR/AED will be held for Road Shop employees and Courthouse employees. She also updated the board on the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN) progress. A memorandum of understanding with ITD is being prepared and the next meeting will address the radio frequencies that are owned and paid for by LaMoure County agencies. This is needed for implementation of SIRN. The deadline is March 1, 2018.

The bills were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to pay the bills presented, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

<b><u>Vendor Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
ALLIED ENERGY	4,648.16
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	64.30
ANGRY BEAVER LODGE/THE	465.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	3,477.28
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,058.44
COLE PAPERS INC	283.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,016.00
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	875.00
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	382.95
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	1,847.45
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	115.67
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,393.43
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
DUFFY/TONYA	124.20
FLATH/ROBERT	150.00
GALLS, LLC	126.73
GIS WORKSHOP	12,500.00
GRAHAM TIRE ABERDEEN	764.16
HABERMAN/JULIE	1,300.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	243.94
IAAO	210.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	824.30
KLEIN/BRUCE	159.81
KLEVER/JAKE	510.00
LAMOURE CITY	173.34
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	29.53
LAMOURE HARDWARE	63.07
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	156.00
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	250.00
LOEGERING/ROGER	507.14
MB CUSTOM	2,500.00
MILLER/LEE	213.22
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	59.09
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	21.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	120.00
ND TAX COMMISSIONER	1,553.40
NDSU DEPT 3110	96.00
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	155.00
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	15,000.00
OST BODY & PAINT	189.99
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,988.14
PANDORA MEDIA INC	2,576.69
PEPSI-COLA	174.70
PHARMCHEM INC	25.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	35.00
QUILL CORPORATION	47.93
SCHWAAB INC.	49.50
SOUTHEAST COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOC.	250.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS INC	143.44
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	3,600.00
VISA	2,099.40
VISTOS CARQUEST	17.34
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	45.21
WEIGEL/VICTOR	96.80

Meeting recessed at 10:00 am and LaMoure County Public Health Board Quarterly Meeting was convened. Jessica Duffy presented the immunization statistics. 2016 had 163 flu immunizations, 2017 had 240. Currently there are 1-10 cases of influenza in the county according to the statewide statistics. Forty Health Tracks screenings were completed. School tobacco policies have been requested and reviewed. DPI is adopting a new comprehensive tobacco policy and LCHD will work with schools on adopting the new comprehensive tobacco policy approved by DPI. Next on the tobacco agenda will be tobacco-free multi-unit housing policy. Anna McLean reported on a meeting later today for training on an app called Text-tip for LaMoure County. She also wanted to publicly thank all the schools for participating in the recent surveys. The local data is now available for better use of the Partnership for Success programs. She is meeting with area park boards to develop drug and alcohol free spaces in area parks for families. Tony Hanson reviewed the financial status of the department. He presented the Oct-Dec. report to the board which is available for review. He addressed current and upcoming issues. The LaMoure County Public Health office and patient care space is being remodeled to better meet sanitation practice code. A public health fact sheet has been created to present the vision, mission and core services of the department. Core services control budgeting. Behavioral health is a growing concern and need in our schools. Currently there are limited resources to address behavioral/mental health issues in our area. Carryover funds are mainly ongoing grant activities and these funds are being reviewed and monitored by the Auditor and Treasurer. Next meeting of the Health Board will be April 17 at 10:00 am. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to adjourn the Public Health Meeting, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Regular meeting of the board of commissioners reconvened.

Hamlin presented transfers and amendments for the 2017 budget. Budget amendments: Auditor \$892.19; States Attorney \$5,708.06; District Court \$362.23; Courthouse \$43,409.15; Election \$339.83; Insurance \$281.82; and Memorial Park \$6,501.55. Comm Weigel moved to approve the 2017 budget amendments, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Budget transfers: \$10,000 from Weed Board to Roads and Bridges for office rent; \$440,039.30 from Farm to Market fund to Roads and Bridge; \$352,796.00 from Farm to Market to Equipment Replacement fund; \$272,064.02 transferred from Human Services to Social Services budget; \$65,000 budget allocation to Public Health from the General Fund. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve these transfers, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Comm Flath. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

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BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

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JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor