

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER
MEETING-February 19, 2019**

Chairman Bob Flath called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at approximately 8:32 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Victor Weigel, Bruce Klein, and Lee Miller. Absent was Keith Heidinger. Also attending were Auditor Jan Hamlin, Acting Secretary Deb Kindelspire, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, State’s Attorney James Shockman, Patty Wood Bartle from The Edgeley Mail, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle.

There were no additions to the agenda. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with the change that the road department was calling for bids, not approving them, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. He stated that the department is using a dozer to push back snow on numerous spots on both county and township roads. He has a cost of \$2,264 for a P4 Drone, for which a warranty and parts are still available. There is a P5 update, but the county does not need the updates, so it is more beneficial to purchase the P4 at the lower cost. The cost for survey equipment, which includes a demo controller, receiver, and software, amounts to \$28,212. This is a much lower cost than purchasing new and the demo equipment has only been used for demonstration purposes.

The road crew is building two more rakes for the blades. They will all be outfitted with rakes. The new shop lights have been installed and a new high efficiency furnace has been installed in the west shop. One blade was down for three days to replace a water pump, the blue Ford pickup was in Jamestown for repairs, and the one-way plow for the last blade is scheduled for delivery on Thursday. Some of the crew have finished the MSHA refresher course.

There was some discussion on the starting pay for the Sheriff’s Deputies. A memo from the HR Advisor informed the commissioners that our county’s starting pay is \$1.30 lower than average for counties our size. Comm Miller made a motion to raise the Step 1 pay by \$2.00 per hour beginning March 1, seconded by Comm Weigel. In discussion, a question was asked if there is a “ripple effect” with the succeeding steps gaining raises and Auditor Hamlin stated yes there is. A roll call vote carried the motion with Comm Klein, Miller, and Weigel voting aye.

Regarding the Storm Day policy, the commissioners still made no decision as they felt the policy manual should first include the definitions of essential and non-essential employees. The HR Advisor had two options for essential employees as far as giving them actual pay for coming to work on a storm day or flex/comp time.

State’s Attorney James Shockman had reviewed the proposal of the Clerk of Court Karin Boom and Deputy Clerk of Court Billi Jo Warcken switching positions and responsibilities. He felt there was no impropriety since there is no vacancy occurring. Therefore, Comm Klein moved to approve the change as of March 1, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Tax Equalization Director Denice Porter and Treasurer Cindy Worrel brought four abatements for Homestead Credits and an exempt organization, which they recommended the commissioners approve. The Homestead Credit applications were for Beverly Mart, Cheryl Schaffer, Delia Walker, and Marie Swartz. Great Plains Assistance Dogs was the exempt organization applicant. After a short review, Comm Weigel made a motion to approve them, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC.	8,863.00
BI INCORPORATED	173.60
BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	423.55
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	3,320.48

CENEX FLEETCARD	482.08
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	113.92
COLE PAPERS INC	133.68
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,765.97
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,363.80
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	1,274.91
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	122.61
DELABARRE/BETH	252.70
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	926.66
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
DUFFY/JESSICA	129.34
EDGELEY MAIL	100.00
FARGO PARTS & EQUIPMENT INC	1,159.85
FLATH/ROBERT	200.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	149.88
HOMAN/CAROLINE	447.59
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	835.25
JIM'S FLOOR COVERING INSTALLATION	289.92
KETTERLING/JACKIE	43.50
KLEIN/BRUCE	623.20
KULM SCHOOL	225.00
LAMOURE HARDWARE	77.20
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	100.00
MILLER/LEE	267.28
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	53.48
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	453.60
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	35.00
ND RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND SACCHO	500.00
NDACE	180.00
NETWORK FLEET INC.	47.07
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	1,200.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	65.48
PHARMCHEM INC	57.10
PITNEY BOWES	456.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	296.36
QUILL CORPORATION	59.99
SANDNESS/STACEE	32.48
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	1,289.11
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	3,416.19
SHOCKMAN/JAMES	121.80
ST ROSE CARE CENTER	19,325.75
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	2,310.00
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	169.56
VERIZON WIRELESS	418.65
VISA	607.59
WALKER/DELIA	37.50
WIEGEL/VICTOR	123.20

At 10:00 a.m. the Public Health quarterly meeting convened. Present were Tony Hanson, Jessica Duffy, Beth Delabarre, Darcy Klever, and Ashley Kottsick. Ms. Duffy reported that in the October through December quarter, immunizations were all up to the 2020 goal. The 2018 Health Track Screenings were numbered at 36, which was far over the goal of 25. Darcy and Jessica attended the quarterly meeting on Tobacco in Bismarck. The department is still working on finding a smaller electronic medical records program that meets their needs. They continue work on their underage drinking program with the "Not in My House" campaign, and alternative events such as the bowling event held in December. They currently have an HRSA Opioid Grant for naloxone availability and mental health first aid.

Mr. Hanson reported the financials are in good shape. They ended the year with \$27,604.43. In the environmental area, there is a Dickey property owner requesting a variance on a sewage treatment system for a container house. There was some discussion but he said he did not see

any reason to not approve the variance. Comm Miller made a motion to grant the variance, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson also stated that the department would soon be moving forward on structures and septic systems at Lake LaMoure. He also mentioned that their department can't help financially but could assist with finding information with small issues such as mold. They do not have funds for the demolition of derelict buildings.

The next Public Health meeting was scheduled for April 16, 2019.

The Public Health meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

There was no correspondence. Auditor Hamlin stated she will be putting an ad in the papers for the Park Supervisor position.

Comm Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Comm Klein. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2019

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor