

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER
MEETING-April 16, 2019**

Chairman Bob Flath called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the Pledge to the Flag. In attendance were Commissioners Keith Heidinger, Victor Weigel, Lee Miller, and Bruce Klein. Also attending were Auditor Jan Hamlin, Acting Secretary Deb Kindelspire, State's Attorney James Shockman, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert, Patty Bartle from The Edgeley Mail, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle.

Additions to the agenda included Courthouse projects and upcoming training for the Auditor. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2 meeting, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

In road business, Mr. Loegering reported that the townships have been using the Verizon Map for tracking road closures. There are over 88 road closures in the county. He has hired summer staff – one survey intern and three for crack sealing/leveling. The crack sealing training is being held today and he hopes to start crack sealing this week or next depending on the weather.

Loegering recommended approval of a utility permit for Dakota Valley Electric under County Road 33 east of Kulm. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Loegering has drafted a culvert policy which would be implemented when a culvert is deemed necessary by the County. The State's Attorney recommended a wording change and with that Comm Klein made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. He also presented the draft for the Tree Setback Policy which had been discussed at an earlier meeting with a slight change to require trees be planted at a minimum distance of 200 feet from the center of the road. The commission reserves the right to review plantings on a case by case basis. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the Tree Setback Policy, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

The Survey Rover and controller were ordered and delivered from Frontier Precision. The training will be held May 13.

NDDOT has approved the County Road 62 environmental documents. Loegering provided updates on County Roads 35 and 34. The nine miles to Jud can probably be saved with crack leveling potholes and a sand seal. The same road from US 281 to CR 163 is disintegrating and it will require more aggressive treatment. Some areas will be ground to gravel for the next 1-2 years in preparation for new pavement. County Road 34 will require some work from the park road to the bottom of the west hill and also from US 281 to County Road 62. He will bring continued updates to the commission at future meetings.

Clerk of Court Billi Warcken let the board know that Deputy Clerk of Court Karin Boom will be retiring at the end of this month. Warcken will not have someone in place before her training in early May and her office may have to be closed those days.

Auditor Hamlin let the board know that she will be at training May 13, June 18, 19, 26, and 27.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins reported on the recent flooding in the county including the City of LaMoure and Lake LaMoure. The James River gage at Adrian reached 31.1 feet. In 2009, Adrian hit the highest level of 32.5 feet and 31.13 feet in 2011. The City of LaMoure James River gage reached the sixth highest level. The James River rose to 15.98 feet on April 4, 2019. The James River in LaMoure reached minor flood stage of 14 feet on April 1 and stayed at minor flood stage for eight days. Lake LaMoure dam reached historic level. The secondary

spillway saw water flows for the first time since it was rebuilt and reinforced after 2009. There were over 224 volunteer hours making sandbags. LaMoure County needs to do a preliminary damage assessment prior to requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration. The cities need to do their own document yet their data initially must be entered with the county to meet county/state thresholds. LaMoure County plans to gather further data from Prairie Township to understand the extent of damages as many township roads are still closed. There are at least 88 township road sites damaged that are reported on the county website. The board decided not to invoice for the sandbags and take back unused bags. An after action flood report will be made to analyze what happened, why it happened, and how it can be improved for the future.

Robbins informed the board at this time FEMA has determined that the snowfall totals from the March 13-15 winter storm did not reach record or near record levels which means the State of North Dakota will be unable to request snow removal assistance from FEMA for this storm event.

Robbins stated the Severe Summer Awareness Week is April 29-May 3. The commissioners approved the tornado drill for that week and the siren will sound for three minutes. They also felt it necessary to have a tornado drill exercise in the courthouse. A SKYWARN class will not be offered in LaMoure County this year.

Treasurer Cindy Worrel presented a list of Abatements/Additions to taxes. After review by the commissioners, Comm Miller made a motion to approve them, seconded by Comm Heidingen. Motion carried.

Custodian Roger Loegering came in to present his list of dome repairs for 2019 along with cost estimates. Tuck-pointing the dome is on schedule for this year by Karr Tuck Pointing. General Roofing and Construction would start June 15 with dome repair if awarded the bid. State's Attorney Shockman recommended that a contract be obtained so that he could review it before signing at the next commission meeting. Mr. Loegering gave three local contractors the opportunity to bid the repairs and windows needed but no bids were received from them.

Break 9:54 a.m. to 10:04 a.m.

The regular meeting was recessed.

The LaMoure County Park Board convened at 10:04 a.m. In attendance were former Park Manager Mike Shockman; board members Kenneth Klever, Billi Warcken; Comms Bob Flath, Victor Weigel, Lee Miller, Bruce Klein; Auditor Hamlin, Acting Secretary Deb Kindelspire, State's Attorney James Shockman, Patty Bartle from the Edgeley Mail, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Sonya Albertson was absent but had left an agenda with four items to be discussed. First was creating a Facebook page, which the commissioners thought would be a good idea. Second was the 100th Anniversary in July 2020 of the dedication of the park. The commissioners were in favor of forming a committee to plan this event, with Mrs. Albertson being the person to coordinate. Third was replacing the Gator, which was discussed at the last board meeting. And last, the Robert Cox family is interested in hosting the campground this summer.

Mike Shockman reported on the flood damage in the park. He said there was about 2 feet of water in one cabin and 7-8 inches of water in the house basement. The museum, kitchen, and restrooms were okay. The auditorium will need further assessment after the doors are opened to dry it out. Electrical pedestals will need to be inspected before power can be restored. Clean up day was tentatively scheduled for April 27th or 28th.

The applications for supervisor and summer help will be reviewed by Kenneth Klever, Billi Warcken, and Comm Klein. Mike agreed to work on cleanup until someone is hired as Park Supervisor. A dumpster may be needed for damaged mattresses/debris. He stated that the current mower will be sufficient for this season but the Gator definitely needs replacing.

A question was raised concerning a canoe access point at the park. The board will not be able to address this until the water is back to normal levels. The Park Board meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

Correspondence items included NDPERS Wellness Employer Based Wellness Discount, the NDIRF Notice of Annual Meeting on May 22 in Bismarck. There was also a letter from Joseph Schmitt of Jamestown concerning unauthorized drainage in Stutsman County, which he feels directly affects the flooding in LaMoure County. The Auditor stated there is an offer for enhanced dental coverage to employees which will have a premium change. The commissioners agreed that the offer should be made to all employees.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLIED ENERGY	5,168.15
AT&T MOBILITY	20.18
BI INCORPORATED	106.40
BUILDERS MART	74.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,447.51
CENEX FLEETCARD	488.37
CITY VIEW FUEL	91.64
COLE PAPERS INC	42.94
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,894.44
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
D VENTURE	85.00
DAHLSTROM FUNERAL HOMES	416.25
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	1,621.44
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	118.90
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	3,466.10
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	866.20
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	583.00
EDGELEY MAIL	249.96
FLATH/ROBERT	1,512.96
FRONTIER PRECISION INC	22,821.6
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HANSON/WILLIAM	46.40
HAY'S LODGE	100.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	422.96
HOMETOWN ELECTRIC LLC	326.26
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	816.75
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	116.95
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	26.12
KLEIN/BRUCE	938.04
KLEIN'S GRILL	270.00
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	33.55
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	226.91
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	229.44
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	7.77
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	186.58
LAMOURE HARDWARE	29.95
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	717.30
MARQUART/ANDREW S.	243.00
MILLER/LEE	491.98
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY	319.20
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	300.00
NDACS	50.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	8,903.41

NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE-SARGENT COUNTY	25.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	2,430.02
NORTH DAKOTA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	30.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	580.74
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC.	2,916.00
PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY	216.54
PHARMCHEM INC	57.10
PORTER/DENICE	151.90
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	398.15
QUILL CORPORATION	576.95
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,146.09
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	3,150.00
VARIDESK LLC	60.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	196.20
VERIZON WIRELESS	252.18
VISA	2,721.48
VISTOS CARQUEST	195.40
WALKER/DELIA	37.50
WASTE MANAGEMENT	188.40
WEIGEL/VICTOR	369.60
3D SPECIALTIES	571.21

There being no other business Comm Heidinger motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF MAY, 2019

ROBERT FLATH, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor