

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING February 3, 2015

At 8:30 am Chmn Keith Heidinger called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Those in attendance were Commissioners Victor Weigel, Lee Miller, and Robert Flath; Marlene White, LaMoure County Auditor; Lauren Worrel, LaMoure County Road Superintendent; Tim Geinert, LaMoure County Assistant Road Superintendent; Wanda Larson, Social Services Director; Jan Meidinger, Tax Director; Gerald Harris, LaMoure Chronicle; Patty Wood Bartle, The Edgeley Mail; and Verleen Shear.

The following additions were made to the agenda: Application for Abatement, Approve Social Service Bills, Approve January Minutes, Increase of Openness of Minutes, Motion to approve the agenda by Comm Miller, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Motion to pay Social Services bills of \$6,222.55 by Comm Weigel, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Motion to approve January minutes by Comm Weigel, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Lauren Worrel, LaMoure County Road Superintendent, reported that crews have been blading county roads and will clear township roads if the township requests. Worrel stated that repairs and maintenance on the sand screen has included replaced of the conveyer belt and electrical panel. Repairs to the grizzly on the feeder for the crusher are also being done. Worrel reported that night inspections are being done for sign reflectivity and minor maintenance is being done to the D5 dozer. Worrel said they will be bringing in belly & side dump trailers for service as well.

Worrel stated that the 2001 140H CAT blade will be in an online auction at Public surplus.com that ends on February 24, 2015. Advertising has been done for this as well as in the local newspapers.

Worrel reported that he and Tim Geinert, Asst Road Superintendent, would be on a video conference at 11:00 am today with the ND Road Safety Program. Worrel received recommendations which will be discussed during the video conference for improving county paved road safety. Worrel stated that he feels rumble strips would decrease the life of the county paved roads, and the roads that have been scheduled for repaving and chip sealing have not been taken into account in this report. Worrel will report back with the results of the video conference.

Worrel stated that the road oil & culvert bids will be opened on February 17, 2015.

Wanda Larson, Social Services Director, reported to the Commissioners there were two Social Service Board terms expiring which were Victor Weigel and Glenda Townsend. Larson stated that both Weigel and Townsend would be willing to serve again. Motion

to reappoint Victor Weigel and Glenda Townsend to the Social Service Board by Comm Flath, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion Carried.

Verleen Shear approached the Commissioners again regarding placing the draft of the county minutes in the local newspapers. She proposed that the agenda be placed on the county website at least 24 hours prior to the Commissioner meeting; publish the minutes in the LaMoure Chronicle and the Edgeley Mail; publish a draft of the minutes in an effort to have them even more correct when published as approved minutes; and make a goal to publish the minutes in the month the meetings are held. She felt this would greatly enhance communication between the Commissioners and the public. Marlene White, County Auditor, informed Ms. Shear that the agenda is emailed to Kimberly Robbins, and she puts it on the county website. White also explained that the minutes are published in the official newspaper once they are approved at the first Commissioner meeting of each month. The Commissioners reminded Ms. Shear that last year was a learning period.

Dave Opdahl updated the Commissioners on getting a pop machine for the courthouse. Opdahl presented four options to be considered including a Pepsi machine at no cost to the County other than purchasing a minimum of 11 cases of pop each time an order was placed. The Commissioners requested that Opdahl come back to the next meeting so a decision could be made at that time.

County Auditor Marlene White presented a list of accounts needing transfers. This was tabled until the next Commissioner meeting.

Tax Director Jan Meidinger presented an Application for Abatement from Eugene & Audrey Smith in Marion. Meidinger reported that the property was reassessed on 1/14/15 which showed that the True & Full Value of \$109,200 was a valid and equitable amount. Motion to reject the Application of Abatement from Eugene & Audrey Smith of Marion by Comm Flath, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Meidinger informed the Commissioners that the assessor for the City of Marion had resigned. The cost of having Vanguard reappraise the City of Marion would be \$12,040, and this could not be done until 2017. Meidinger stated that he had passed this information on to Mayor Gene Rode.

The LaMoure County pay scale is being reviewed as it has not been updated in about eight years. The Commissioners are reviewing information which have been sent to them by Chuck Horter with NRG Tech Services.

The Commissioners discussed a few of the legislative issues that are being voted on right now including the Surge Funding which the legislators are considering. Some parts of the Social Services bills before the legislators have passed, but others are still being looked at.

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY | 173.25 |
| AT&T | 20.81 |
| BROWN & SENGER | 438.87 |
| BRUMFIELD/AMANDA | 188.65 |
| CARDINAL HEALTH 110, INC | 2,992.44 |
| CAVETT'S CORNER CONVENIENCE | 50.50 |
| CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT | 2,902.50 |
| CENTURYLINK | 123.72 |
| COMFORT SUITES | 74.00 |
| COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC | 4,283.57 |
| DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC | 32.40 |
| DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS | 1,181.26 |
| DIRECT ELECTRIC INC | 300.00 |
| DUFFY LAW OFFICE | 1,728.85 |
| ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC | 207.61 |
| ENTERPRISE ELECTRIC INC | 32,335.97 |
| EVERT/RALPH | 329.43 |
| FIRST STATE BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA | 530.00 |
| HANSON/LESLIE | 373.97 |
| HANSON/WILLIAM | 296.28 |
| HENRY SCHEIN | 98.02 |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT | 175.00 |
| JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS | 1,063.13 |
| LAMOURE CHRONICLE | 1,288.96 |
| LAMOURE CITY | 119.50 |
| LAMOURE DRUG STORE | 40.38 |
| LAMOURE FOODS | 6.67 |
| LINDGREN/BRUCE | 228.23 |
| LOOMER/DANIEL | 30.00 |
| MARCO INC | 114.54 |
| MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES | 68.53 |
| ND CO VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS ASSN | 50.00 |
| ND SACCHO | 340.00 |
| ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS | 6,425.90 |
| NDACO | 2,123.11 |
| OFFICE DEPOT | 259.18 |
| OPDAHL/DAVID | 81.50 |
| OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY | 80.04 |
| PURCHASE POWER | 500.00 |
| RIDDLE/JAMES | 333.10 |
| ROBBINS/KIMBERLY | 325.02 |
| ST ROSE CARE CENTER | 16,203.88 |
| UNIVERSAL SERVICES | 892.30 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | 461.16 |
| WARNE CHEMICAL | 20.40 |

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Bills reviewed. Motion to pay bills by Comm Weigel, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Comm Weigel, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF March, 2015

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

MARLENE WHITE, County Auditor