

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER SPECIAL MEETING- October 7, 2021

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Thursday, October 7, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Keith Heidinger, Jason Weigel and Bob Flath, State's Attorney James Shockman, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Treasurer Cindy Worrel, Tax Director Denice Porter, and Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

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

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the September 21 minutes, seconded by Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, gave his report. He said his department started winter hours Monday, October 4, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday). Josh said that KLJ has inspected and has different options for the Grand Rapids bridge to get it back to legal rating for special haul vehicles by strengthening the splice plates and attaching the beams to the concrete deck. This would cost approximately \$400,000 for a contractor. The county could do the work but it will cost a lot of time and it's dangerous. This could really be fixed with a sign. NDDOT can approve the sign. There are eight other counties in the state that have this similar situation. Josh and Chairman Miller visited with NDDOT on Tuesday. The commissioners will visit with them as well to see if they will approve the sign needed at this bridge. Josh recommended that the commissioners approve and sign the yearly NDDOT maintenance agreement. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the yearly NDDOT maintenance agreement, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. Two structures in the bridge bundling project have been completed. They are south of ND 13 and north of CR 35. The last bridge is northwest of Berlin between Henrietta and Wano Township. The bridge is out and they set it yesterday or will today. It should be complete by the end of the week. Due to a paint shortage, the pavement marking has not been done on the chip seal and otta seal highways. Josh will look into reflective markers in case the paint doesn't come in. All county pavement and gravel bridge and ditch mowing has started this week. Next week the crew will start to straighten sign posts. The Kulm ditch work was finished yesterday. The crew will be crushing gravel in the Schmoker Pit until freeze up. Last year it was December 16. Josh will not be at the next meeting as he will be at the regional road conference in Sioux Falls.

Chairman Miller said that the expenditures approved for the preliminary budget will remain the same. The total county general is \$2,516,533, the special accounts are \$4,944,890, and the trust and agency accounts are \$616,802. The board recommended lowering the general fund five mills from the preliminary budget. Comm Flath asked what the mill value will be. Auditor Hamlin said that since the final budgets are due October 10th, she was giving the tax department until tomorrow to make any necessary changes they were finding from the Vangaard reevaluation. Comm Flath said that it was really hard to make a decision today without that value. Comm Flath said that maybe the county general could be decreased even more. Auditor Hamlin had Tax Director, Denice Porter, run the county abstract of assessment. The preliminary value of a mill was \$45,494. The value today is \$45,564. Auditor Hamlin said no more changes will be made and that will be the final mill value. After some discussion, the board was comfortable with the value remaining close to the preliminary. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the 2022 budget with a five-mill reduction for the county general from the preliminary budget, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Roll call vote: Comm Klein-yes; Comm Heidinger-yes; Comm Weigel-yes; Comm Flath-yes. Chairman Miller didn't vote. Motion carried.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, said currently there are eight positive COVID cases in LaMoure County. The percent of positivity for those testing is 9.2%. The state's positivity rate is about the same as it was this time last year. The death rate has gone down since last year. Public Health tests every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You can also call on other days of the week and see if there is a nurse available. Jessica said there is a schedule and they have started flu shots. The flu shot supply is good for the next few weeks but is low this year. The mobile clinic has been out a few times. There currently is a Pfizer booster shot for anyone 65 and older or immunocompromised individuals. There currently isn't a booster for the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson. If you originally had a Pfizer vaccination you will need to stay with Pfizer for a booster. If you had Moderna stay with Moderna. Most of LaMoure County vaccinations were Moderna. Anyone is welcome to call Public Health with questions.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to appoint Eric Lahlum and Julianne Racine as delegates to the North Dakota State Fair Association's Annual Meeting, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Hamlin reported to the commissioners that seven parcels are delinquent. The next step is to have the commissioner in the district with delinquent property go with Tax Director, Denice Porter and set the minimum sale price for the parcel. The parcels are located in Nora Township, in Jud, three in Edgeley, and two in Berlin. Once the minimum sale price is set, the auditor sends that information to the city auditor or the clerk of the board of supervisors of any township. They then have the opportunity to appear at the first meeting in November and object to the established minimum sale price at that hearing. The commissioners then could make appropriate changes in the minimum sale price of the property. Comm Flath inquired if legislation has changed as far as the sale price between annual sales. Auditor Hamlin said it did. This information will be brought to another meeting.

Chairman Miller informed the commissioners that the Court Facility Improvement applications are now being accepted through December 31. Clerk of Court, Billi Warcken, would like to apply for a new desk and file cabinets. The grant covers 75% of the cost. Ms. Warcken did budget the county share in her budget for next year. She will complete the application before December 31.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A W DIESEL SERVICE	1,612.21
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	53,215.00
ALBER/LAUREL	19.50
ALLIED ENERGY	229.96
ALLSTATE PETERBILT	162.48
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	68.30
CAPITAL I INDUSTRIES INC.	307.92
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	176.30
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	75.41
CITY VIEW FUEL	38.00
COPSPPLUS	77.67
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	125.22
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,484.51
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
EDGELEY MAIL	40.00
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	676.59
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	3,280.24
GOOD OIL COMPANY	32,418.52
GREAT PLAINS TOWERS	1,793.50
HAMLIN/JANICE	243.66
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,085.07
HENRY SCHEIN	949.20
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	803.90
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	950.98
JENSEN ROCK & SAND, INC	7,838.81
KETTERLING/JACKIE	20.16
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	912.08
LAMOURE CITY	177.31
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	88.38
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	35.62
LAMOURE HARDWARE	838.08
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	819.74
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	35.00
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	48.77
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	30.98
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	7.00
PACWEST TOOL AND SAFETY	3,404.64
PORTER/DENICE	337.40
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	47.26
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00

QUALITY INN	345.60
QUILL CORPORATION	55.75
RACINE/JULIANNE	479.06
RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	86.40
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.20
SANDNESS/SHANNON	45.36
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	5,477.58
SCHRUM/DARRELL	900.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,476.72
STAR BUSINESS FORMS	621.62
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	52.53
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	696.50
TRU AESTHETIC & WELLNESS, LLC	50.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	3,831.40
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	222.26
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	7,025.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	578.92
WALKER/NAOMI	63.00
WEBER/SARAH	224.70
YOUNG INNOVATIONS	116.93

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor