

## **OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING- July 7, 2020**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 7, 2020 with Chairman Keith Heidinger, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Lee Miller, Bob Flath, and Marvin Schulz, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, and State's Attorney James Shockman at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were, acting Secretary Shanel Bohnenstingl, DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail, Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle, and Sonya Albertson. Chairman Heidinger called the meeting to order at approximately 8:34 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

There were no additions to the agenda. Comm Klein moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger asked if there were additions or corrections for the June 16th meeting minutes, there was one clarification. Comm Flath stated the cost share for the Emergency Water Protection (EWP) would be up to 25%. Comm Flath moved to approve the June 16<sup>th</sup> minutes with the correction, seconded by Comm Schulz. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. There have been changes to speed limits. On CR 63 to Adrian the 35mph truck speed limit sign was moved to north of the railroad tracks. The 40mph speed limit sign on CR 61 near Marion was moved 1000' further south from Main Avenue.

A tire blew on the John Deere payloader which resulted in the payloader being condemned by MSHA. Loegering explained the plan is to take the tires off of the new 950 and put them on the John Deere and get new tires for the new 950. The cost of a tire is approximately \$2,500/ea., with labor the bill will be around \$12,000.

After several issues with the 2019 crack sealer, a new one was purchased for \$54,000. There are three options for selling the 2019: 1.) sell it back to the dealer, 2.) sell to a private contractor, or 3.) trade on an asphalt recycler, which will make asphalt on the road for pot hole patching. Loegering is expecting to receive \$30,000-\$35,000 from the sale of the 2019 crack sealer.

Repairs on County Roads 33 & 34 west of Hwy 281 are done. CR 63 from CR 34 to Hwy 13 is complete. Next will be the golf course road south to the county line and CR 34 from Litchville road to CR 61. Today the crew will begin the Litchville township riprap FEMA site project which Loegering would like completed by Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The township shoulder pulls will begin next week. The Jud bridge work will begin in early August and is expected to take under two weeks to complete. The Kartes bridge, which was damaged in the Spring 2019 flood, may have FEMA help fund the repairs. The bridge may be replaced with a box culvert. CR 62 paving projects on the Fullerton and Berlin road is expected to begin in early August and will likely take a week to complete.

In regards to the Scenic Backway turnouts north of Grand Rapids, Sonya Albertson asked Mr. Loegering if the road crew could spray the weeds with Round Up so that she didn't have to haul her mower to maintain those areas. Mr. Loegering said he could do that.

Alberston explained that the brochures for the Scenic Backway have been the same for four years and she would like to update them. The cost would be \$2,000 for 5,000 brochures and about \$500 to redesign. If a new design is granted, she would need to know by the end of the summer. Comm Heidinger stated he would let her know after discussing the budget.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave her report via teleconference. Robbins explained FEMA disaster declarations including Spring Flooding DR4444, Fall Flooding DR4475, and Pandemic DR4509. LaMoure County funding requests from DR4509 have not been processed as of the meeting. The Spring 2020 flooding has not been declared a FEMA disaster as of the meeting. Due to the damage of Kartes bridge from the spring 2019 flood (DR4444), the age of the structure and potential for roadway overtopping, the engineer's recommendation supports hazard mitigation to replace the existing bridge with a box culvert structure. Robbins proposed LaMoure County send a letter to request for hazard mitigations which would not just fix the damage but permanently fix the entire structure in order to avoid future damage. Comm Klein moved to send the letter to request for hazard mitigations for the Kartes bridge, seconded by Comm Lee. Motion carried.

Robbins presented information about the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for radio equipment for the SIRM 2020 updates. The LaMoure Fire Department would like for LaMoure County to be the

applicant for LaMoure County Fire and EMS agencies for the AFG. By going through the county as the applicant agent, the funding would be handled through the county and the distribution of grant funds to Fire and EMS agencies throughout the county, if approved. LaMoure Fire Department has obtained a grant writer for \$1,250.00, which 95% of the cost will be refunded by the grant, if approved. Comm Miller made a motion that LaMoure County be the applicant for all LaMoure County Fire and EMS agencies for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant with Comm Flath and Kimberly Robbins on the grant application, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Break 9:20 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

A reopening courthouse policy has been put together by human resources. After some discussion Comm Miller made a motion to reopen the courthouse on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Only the east door will be open. There will be a table with masks and a sign stating masks will be highly recommended and large meetings will need to be conducted in the courtroom so that social distancing can be achieved. The motion was seconded by Comm Schulz. Motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger called the LaMoure County Public Health quarterly meeting to order at approximately 9:57 a.m. LaMoure County Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, reported that immunizations were down quite a bit due to the school being closed in the spring. Letters were sent to seniors who may need immunizations prior to starting college. Health track screenings are also down and public health will be scheduling screenings for communities this summer. Vaping is still a serious issue. Duffy stated that there has been a lot of social media education and continues to promote ND Quits. The state quarterly meeting has been rescheduled several times and will now take place electronically on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Duffy reported that there have been 13 positive Covid-19 cases in LaMoure County, only one of which is an active case. The department is still working on some close contact tracing. Testing events were conducted in Kulm, LaMoure and Edgeley in June. There will be a testing event in Marion in July. More younger people are testing positive. The age average for positive cases has decreased by 10 years in the last three weeks. The recommendation is to continue social distancing and wearing masks especially while out in public.

Meetings with health care providers and community leaders are scheduled as needed as opposed to previous weekly meetings, however EOC meetings are still held weekly. Serology is still being tested for reliability.

The Prevention Grants Coordinator, Mrs. DelaBarre, has resigned. Partnership for Success grant is coming to an end on August 30. Quarterly state meetings as well as coalition meetings are being held virtually. The State Opioid Response grant continues to promote the Monitor. Lock. Take Back campaign to reduce access to prescription drugs in the home. The HRSA grant goals are to disperse Narcan and training as well as provide mental health awareness in the community.

Darcy Klever reviewed financials for Public Health. The CARES Act funds have been received. With those funds a trailer, vaccine refrigerator, supplies for the trailer, replaced medical supplies, and a small generator for the trailer were purchased. Due to low numbers for immunizations and health tracks the income is down, but they are working on getting those numbers up. There have been some grants that have ended. The Tobacco grant will be renewed January 1, 2021 with an estimated \$42,000.

Green algae season is upon us, Duffy gave reminders to watch for that. Duffy reported a couple environmental concerns including communities with buildings in poor condition and possible rodents. Response to these issues goes back to reviewing and actions that follow the city ordinances. LaMoure County Public Health Department contracts an environmental control specialist from Central Valley Health, who is willing to work with cities to resolve the property issues, but the work and follow through comes back to the cities.

The next meeting was set for October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Public Health meeting adjourned at approximately 10:19 a.m.

The grant application for Garrison Diversion needs to be post marked by September 1.

The commissioners reviewed the bills. Comm Flath moved to approve the bills presented, seconded by Comm Schulz. Motion carried

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	3,618.00
ALLIED ENERGY	2,994.15
ALLSTATE PETERBILT	100.18
ANDERSON BROS., INC.	3,350.00
AT&T MOBILITY	60.43
AVID HAWK LLC	435.00
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	131.30
BARNICK/GRETCHEN	160.00
BLUHM TRUCKING, LLC	6,015.50
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	61.89
BUILDERS MART	323.69
CITY OF KULM	74.78
CITY VIEW FUEL	108.26
COLE PAPERS INC	300.26
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,723.98
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	102.20
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	2,000.00
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	865.06
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,596.74
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	19,410.81
DUFFY/JESSICA	69.00
ECONOMY OIL INC	2,189.57
EDGELEY MAIL	130.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	6,042.50
GOOD OIL COMPANY	15,829.73
GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT	99.17
HAUT FUNERAL HOME	425.00
HENRY SCHEIN	197.15
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	381.47
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	12.98
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	221.90
KADRMAS LEE & JACKSON INC	603.46
KETTERLING/JACKIE	169.05
KLEIN'S GRILL	55.75
KLEVER/DARCY	202.98
KRVX-FM	222.00
KULM SERVICE	19.25
KYNU-FM	333.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	2,250.06
LAMOURE CITY	178.31
LAMOURE COUNTY 4-H	1,000.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	8.49
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	68.85
LAMOURE HARDWARE	1,477.83
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,015.67
LEAF	121.00
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	168.00
LONG/SUSAN R.	50.00
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	934.25
MARQUART/ANDREW S.	198.00
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH	122.00
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	54,995.00
MIDWEST CARD & ID SOLUTIONS	1,260.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	37.52
ND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	64.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	120.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	100.64
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	17.31
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
QUILL CORPORATION	493.64
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	1,655.11
R M STOUDT	184.96
RACINE/JULIANNE	234.65
SCHMOKER/MICHAEL	94.88

SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS	60.65
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,481.37
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS INC	39.58
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	54.82
TRUENORTH STEEL	49,439.70
US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	123.00
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	235.75
VERIZON WIRELESS	392.41
VISA	1,023.85
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	123.54
WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE	25.50
WEX BANK	662.18
813 SALES, LLC	102.52

There being no further business, Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020

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KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

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JANICE HAMLIN, Auditor