

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
March 2, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 2, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, State's Attorney James Shockman, and Auditor Jan Hamlin at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Miller asked for any additions to the agenda. There were no additions. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Comm Flath made a motion to approve the February 18th minutes, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, gave his report. A new waste oil furnace was installed in the LaMoure Shop. It was purchased from Cass County Heating for \$12,000. The old waste oil furnace was having issues the last two years and didn't work at all this past winter. The propane heat has not had to kick in since the installation.

The state informed Josh that we have four bridges in the county that decreased the load rating. Signs have been put up. Three were not a big deal. The one bridge that will affect things is the river bridge east of Grand Rapids on CR 34. It was not restricted at all. It is now a 30-ton max. This will not support a loaded semi. The crew will start blading today. They plan to start crack sealing tomorrow. This is the best time to do it. They will start on the new pavement. They will do CR 62 all the way up to CR 35.

Josh hasn't purchased the new 31-foot gooseneck trailer with hydraulic ramps from PJ Trailer out of Fargo. He budgeted \$20,000 and it came in at 21,000. He plans to sell the old trailer on an auction.

The crusher came back last week from General Equipment after an overhaul. Josh hasn't seen the bill yet.

Josh mentioned that an individual will be retiring in a month. He will hire a utility person to be stationed in LaMoure. He will also hire three summer positions. The jobs are posted.

Josh went over three possible 2022 construction paving projects for CR 35. The DOT will not borrow counties more than five years ahead. The first option is twelve miles from US 281 to CR 66 and the county share would be \$1,220,988.53. The second option is nine miles from US 281 to CR 65 and the county share would be \$620,988.53. The third option is eight miles from CR 66 to CR 64 and the county share would be \$420,988.53. The third option is in the worst shape and Josh would prefer to do that one. Josh would have a half-inch to three quarter-inch mill done before the 2" overlay. This will be part of the project. They will not let us do it this year but it will be bid on in November for a next year project. A decision will need to be made mid-May.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, started with the Upper James River Flood Risk Review meeting. Kimberly gave a briefing on the status of the FEMA risk map process. There was a kick off meeting in December of 2018 which included LaMoure County along with the cities of LaMoure, Edgeley, and Marion. This started Phase 1 which was the discovery meeting. Phase 2 is the engineering and model which will take two to four years. The plan is to move out of Phase 2 and into Phase 3 in March. Phase 3 will involve a review and provide initial feedback on the floodplain work maps. In six to twelve months, we will move to Phase 4 which is the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map release to the community. We are five years away from a new FEMA Flood Risk Map. We are in the process and on track. Kimberly is requesting that two commissioners attend a virtual meeting on March 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Comm Klein and Comm Weigel volunteered.

The James River Flood Risk 2021 from the three-legged stool analogy is good so far. There is always a risk due to fall moisture, base streamflow, frost depth, winter snow pack, snow water content, spring thaw cycle, and heavy spring rains. Right now, there is less than a five percent chance to reach action stage of 12 feet. The next report date is March 11.

Lettesr were mailed out to the townships involved in DR 4444, 4474, and 4553 which were flooding disasters. This was a reminder of the funding they have remaining to repair damage and a deadline for

completion. The letters were sent to the township chairperson and copies were also sent to clerk or treasurer and respective commissioner. District 1-Litchville, Gladstone, Saratoga, Russell, Wano, and Grandview have \$127,400.65. District 2-Ovid, Pearl Lake and Dean have \$29,463.79. District 3-Swede, Norden and Mikkelson have \$28,617.00. District 5-Pomona View, Golden Glen, and Ray have \$8,635.54. Litchville township was not mailed out but will be this week. All this funding is sitting at the county to be paid out to the township.

The 911 fee increase did go into effect January 1, 2021. The voters of LaMoure County voted to increase it by 50 cents and it is in place.

Kimberly will be attending the quarterly 911 meeting in person in Bismarck tomorrow.

One way to reach LaMoure County residents about the COVID-19 vaccination and its availability is to use the Emergency Notification System. It was brought to the meeting to request commissioner permission to use the system. The notification will reach every landline and cell phone registered in LaMoure County. The commissioners feel it should be done. Jessica Duffy has approved the first draft. It will be reviewed by Kimberly and Comm Heidinger and put out as soon as tomorrow.

The future commission meeting dates were set for April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 8 (special), June 15, July 6, and July 20.

Park Board Member, Billi Warcken, gave an update on the playground equipment for LaMoure County Memorial Park. She contacted Dakota Playground and prices went up in 2021. Since the prices increased, she said they will need to get the 50' Zipline and two DigiRiders. The total quote will be under budget at \$18,293. Billi will fill out the Garrison Diversion Grant which is due April 1. The equipment should arrive in early May. Chairman Miller signed all the paperwork that needed completion.

The Culvert Bid Opening took place at 9:15 a.m. Josh Loegering will open the bids, say who it is from, what they bid on, then review the bids, and bring back at the next meeting the lowest bidder for approval. Josh said that Prinsco emailed him a bid for plastic culverts only. Josh opened a bid from Forterra out of Rapid City for concrete box and round culverts. There were two bids for corrugated metal from True North Steel and Contech. The Oil Bid Opening was held at 9:30 a.m. Laura Johnson and Bryant Bjerrum with Flint Hill Resources joined the meeting. The only oil bid received was from Flint Hill Resources. CRS-2P is \$451.39 per ton delivered and CSS-1H D50 is \$261.39 per ton delivered.

Break 9:33 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

The land lease for a parcel in the NW1/4 21-134-61 bid opening took place at 9:45 a.m. Dustin Peterson joined the meeting. There was one bid from Dustin Peterson. His bid was for \$1,000.00. Dustin raised his bid to \$2,000.00. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept Dustin Peterson's \$2,000.00 per year bid for the parcel for three years, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY	226.30
ASPHALT ZIPPER, INC	833.86
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	33.21
BOOM/KARIN	500.00
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	3,278.10
CITY OF KULM	75.53
COMPUTER EXPRESS	68.98
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	946.22
DUFFY/JESSICA	23.52
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	775.00
GOOD OIL COMPANY	19,252.50
GOOD/LAURIE	500.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,964.25
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	49.50
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	227.90

JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	2,899.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	244.36
KETTERLING/JACKIE	25.76
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	18,792.01
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	29.95
KULM MESSENGER	71.50
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	673.28
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	20.13
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	3,187.61
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	145.00
LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC.	412.68
MAC'S HARDWARE	86.71
MOBILE BINDERS	241.62
NATIONAL PEN CO. LLC	80.99
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	220.50
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	15.00
ND SAFETY COUNCIL	1,050.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	276.20
PITNEY BOWES	456.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	498.67
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
QUILL CORPORATION	50.78
RACINE/JULIANNE	226.80
SANDNESS/SHANNON	17.36
SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABORATORIES	159.59
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.03
TOTAL HOME, INC.	979.11
TRI-COUNTY NEWS	71.50
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	500.00
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	61.60
VERIZON	293.87
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
WASTE-NOT-RECYCLING, LLC	2,220.00
WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER	600.00

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor