

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

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 2, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Keith Heidinger, Jason Weigel and Bob Flath, State's Attorney James Shockman, Auditor Jan Hamlin, 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.

Chairman Miller asked for additions to the agenda. Auditor Hamlin added approve October 29 special meeting minutes, Terri Potts added museum update, and Comm Heidinger added museum item. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the October 19 minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the October 29 special meeting minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, gave his report. He said they are close to finishing their eighth rounds of blading but will continue blading county and township roads as needed until freeze up. The crew has finished the cattle pass project north of Dickey by Carpenter's and submitted it to FEMA for reimbursement. The narrow box culvert on CR 63 south of Lenny Peterson's driveway has been replaced with steel culverts. All structures are complete on the bridge bundling project. The county has some ditch work and fencing to complete downstream. The bridge and ditch mowing are finished. Josh will contact the individuals who have left bales in the ditch past the removal deadline. A company in Jamestown has paint for pavement marking so all county pavement will be updated. The crew is about 2/3 done with straightening posts and replacing bullet damaged signs. Today and tomorrow, they are cleaning out the ditch right-of-way on CR 63. It affects the county road. After that they will work on the ditch on the east side of CR 61 north of Marion. The cross arms project in LaMoure is complete. The Grand Rapids project remains as a future plan.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, had the group try the TextMyGov widget feature. The widget appears on the lower left side of the county website. This tool allows the public to text a message to 701.658.5600. The public can text 'hi', a question, a department or a key word and will get an immediate response containing contact information for the specific department determined by the key words used. In addition to contact information, TextMyGov allows the public to report road issues as well as make park reservations. While reporting road issues, pictures can also be sent. Road related texts would notify Josh for which he will have four business days to reply. The administrators of the website are Josh Loegering, Kimberly Robbins, and Shanel Bohnenstingl.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, gave her report. LaMoure County is over fifty percent vaccinated for COVID. The booster shot has been approved for anyone 65 & older as well as anyone with an underlying health condition. The booster for Moderna is half a dose, Pfizer is one full dose and both are administered six months after their previous shot. Johnson & Johnson is recommending one full dose two months after the first shot. Currently there are 12 active cases in LaMoure County. Public Health conducts COVID testing on Thursday mornings and by appointment. The booster shots for St. Joseph's Manor in Edgeley are complete. They will be working with St. Rose in LaMoure. Clinics have been set up for November 9 in Marion and Dickey, November 16 in Kulm and Edgeley, November 22 in Jud at the ambulance hall, and November 23 in LaMoure at the Omega room in the BankNorth Mall. Public Health asks that you call to schedule your appointment so they have enough vaccinations. There is no cost for the booster. COVID shots have been proven to be safe with other vaccines so the booster and flu shots are safe to do together. It is recommended to get a booster shot even if previously tested positive for COVID. LaMoure Drug Store does the antibody testing for a fee.

State's Attorney, James Shockman, gave an update on the opioid litigation. LaMoure County is represented by Fears Nachawati Law Firm from Dallas, Texas. Currently there are four defendants that want to discuss a national settlement. They have put forward a pool of funds which is twenty-one billion dollars over eighteen years for the distributors and five billion dollars over an eighteen-year payout for Johnson & Johnson. The law firm representing the county wants to wait and see if North Dakota's Attorney General will negotiate a better deal. A decision will need to be made by January 2, 2022. The pool of funds will not change for the state but how it is allocated and paid out could be negotiated. Mr. Shockman will stay on top of it with the law firm that represents the county.

NDSU Extension Agent 4-H & Youth Development, Caroline Homan, gave her third quarter report. Caroline was presenting Creative Coping and Stress Management at the Black Hills Recreation Leadership Lab in South Dakota. Shortly before leaving, she was asked if she could expand her session. Another presenter wasn't able to attend due to the COVID risk. Of course, she said yes and adapted her 75-minute presentation to create a 4-session workshop on coping and resilience. Caroline built on elements from an early version of Getting Happy Hour, created a workbook to guide participants through four experiential learning opportunities to discover how positive psychology can fuel success at home, at work and enhance social connections. She invited Lindsey Leker, State Specialist, to lead physical activities and share the neurological benefits of exercise on the brain while Susan Milender, Barnes County, demonstrated recipes and provided nutrition education to support overall wellness. Participant feedback was overwhelming. LaMoure County held a day camp this year. Educational sessions included wood burning, archery, forensic science, wetlands, and solar cooking for the 8–12-year-old campers. The 5–7-year-old campers enjoyed investigating insects, making healthy snacks, exploring archery, and the science of bubbles. The new 4-H year launched September 1. Sixteen new 4-H members joined our 4-H family, two new volunteers lead on the 4-H Council, and teens are empowered to teach adult volunteers. Addie Robbins was the State Fair Grand Champion in showing her sheep. She worked with Senator Robert Erbele and showed him how to show a sheep in the ring at the State Fair. It was a good opportunity for our youth to educate our legislators and share what they do in 4-H. Caroline was chosen as one of North Dakota's positive youth champions. She will attend the National Conference virtually November 14.

The Memorial Park Board quarterly meeting was called to order at approximately 9:26 a.m. Present were Chairman Lee Miller, board members Bruce Klein, Jason Weigel, Bob Flath, Sonya Albertson, Billi Warcken, Auditor Hamlin, and Park Superintendent, Kevin Shockman. Absent was board member Curwood Seefeldt.

Chairman Miller asked for additions to the agenda. Sonya Albertson added water damaged ceilings in the park house and Kevin Shockman added garbage and meters. Bruce Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Bob Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Jason Weigel said at the last meeting a floorplan was approved for the bathhouse and the storm shelter was canceled. When Bruce Klein and Kimberly Robbins went to cancel the storm shelter due to its looks, they provided a different style storm shelter. Some counties have used the storm shelter as their bathhouse. Crest Precast Concrete out of La Crescent, MN, is the company that builds them and for a 100-to-120-person shelter the cost would be \$108,000. For an additional \$44,000, they will build it to our floorplan. The total cost would be \$152,000 for the building and electrical without the shower, toilets, sewer, etc. Cavalier County is going with this option. Kimberly Robbins said that the grant for the storm shelter could be updated to the standards of our building and would need to build for flood stage. The board will put this on hold and wait for more information.

The projects that need to be done before next season are paint the two cabins, paint the north and south side of the auditorium, and discuss installing lighting at the front entrance of the park at the Y in the road splitting to the park or the golf course. Kevin will get prices for the lighting. The new playground equipment didn't get set up this year. It was decided to cover it for the winter with tarp and have volunteers set up in the spring. NDIFT can inspect it after set up.

Sonya said there are three ceilings in the park house that have water damage. The roof was fixed last year so the ceilings can be repaired. It was decided to have someone look at it in February or March after the renters leave.

Kevin wanted to know if one garbage can should be left for the renters. The board wants to continue on call pickup for one garbage can. He also inquired if the meters at the park should remain hooked up. It cost a lot of money last year. He will contact Ottertail and see what the fees are if left connected and the disconnect/reconnect fee. The board decided to keep the meters on if cost effective.

Doyle Edwards has a plan for the electrical at the park. The board would like him to present his plan at the spring meeting.

Kevin said the park is closed and the gates will go up today.

Sonya and Curwood will get the freeze alarm in the house set up for the winter.

The Memorial Park Board meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Break 10:06 a.m. to 10:18 a.m.

The commissioner meeting reconvened.

Terri Potts and Christine Hatton gave a museum update. Christine started with the restoration of the cook shack which was acquired from the county road department. She volunteered to restore the interior to the original state at her own expense as a contribution to the museum. Christine has a background in theater set design and looked forward to creating a design appropriate for the age of the shack. The work began in the fall of 2020 and by Memorial Day 2021 the 300-hour project was complete with a total value of \$1,065. She said it was a fun and satisfying project.

Terri said that in 2020 the museum hosted a Halloween Party and raised \$600. They began this year with a meet, eat, and greet and some people that came were interested in volunteering for the museum. Terri's first project was taking care of the mold in the basement of the main building which has been completed. The museum had two fund raisers this year and brought in approximately \$500 per event for a total of \$1,000. The animal room is complete. There were many visitors to the museum this summer and \$700 total was received from the donation box. Terri said she is resigning from the museum board immediately, gave a copy of her written resignation, and said thank you. Comm Heidinger said the resignation should go to the museum board. He also said that Jim Haakenson resigned as a museum board member. He will take it to the next museum quarterly meeting and come back to the commissioners with appointment recommendations.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A W DIESEL SERVICE	12,311.33
ALBER/TRACY	42.00
AT&T MOBILITY	61.34
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	125.40
BUILDERS MART	10.50
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	193.46
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	74.65
COMPUTER EXPRESS	604.00
D & B PORTABLES LLC	540.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,788.76
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DUFFY/JESSICA	22.40
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV	182.28
EXTREME GRAPHIX, LLC	399.38
FASTNACHT/JOSHUA	213.50
FFF ENTERPRISES, INC.	3,617.31
FORTERRA PIPE & PRECAST	15,082.90
GALLS, LLC	137.74
GOOD OIL COMPANY	30,074.75
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,208.05
HENRY SCHEIN	3,260.00
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	486.46
HOMAN/CAROLINE	190.12
KETTERLING/JACKIE	50.40
KOVAL/JUDY	60.00
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	69.42
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	887.47
LAMOURE CITY	180.31
LAMOURE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	882.53
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	17.30
LAMOURE HARDWARE	286.58
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,588.60
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	440.00
LEAF	120.40
ND ASSOC. OF EXTENTION 4-H YOUTH	100.00
NDSU DEPT 3110	29.00
NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	9.80
OST BODY & PAINT	4,321.97

PURCHASE POWER	106.60
QUILL CORPORATION	558.06
RACINE/JULIANNE	213.92
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	24.64
SANDNESS/SHANNON	17.36
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	105.31
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.78
TEXTMYGOV	2,700.00
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	45.92
VERIZON WIRELESS	604.59
YOUNG INNOVATIONS	291.75

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor