

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING- July 21, 2020

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 21, 2020 with Chairman Keith Heidinger, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Lee Miller, Bob Flath, and Marvin Schulz, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, NDSU Extension Agent Caroline Homan, and State's Attorney James Shockman at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were, acting Secretary Shanel Bohnenstingl, DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Chairman Heidinger called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 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 from the July 7th commissioner meeting minutes and July 7th and July 15th budget meeting minutes, there were none. Comm Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

NDSU Extension Agent, Caroline Homan, gave 4-H and Extension quarterly reports. It was reported that although all activities have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, virtual participation attendance has been good. There were some events that were held while maintaining social distancing which also went well. To help with stress, a virtual event entitled "Getting Happy Hour" took place once a week for four weeks focusing on meditation and other stress relief skills. This was a good turn out and got great feedback. Homan partnered with Apex Therapy to create a wellness camp which will promote exercising as a family, but this has been cancelled. All shooting sports were cancelled for the past quarter but will be continued this summer. There have been a few projects that have been selected for awards and advancing to the regional and possibly national level, but has yet to hear back on the advancement.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. There is an employee who is an active member of the National Guard and will be gone the entire month of July for a summer camp. Loegering will be on vacation at the end of next week. The Litchville riprap project was finished last week. There has been crushed gravel placed over the spots that were fixed on CR 63 and CR 33. Asphalt patching on CR 35 between CR 62 and CR 163 is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday this week. They have finished sealing the Litchville road and will begin work on CR 61 north out of LaMoure going all the way to 46. They will then move on to CR 62 and after that they will work their way west. The Jud bridge work is expected to begin on August 3rd so that bridge will be closed, hopefully no more than a week and a half depending on weather. CR 62 paving project (Fullerton/Berlin road) preconstruction meeting is July 22nd at 2:00 p.m. They will likely begin that project before the next commissioner meeting on August 4th.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave her report via teleconference. Robbins explained FEMA processes. DR4444 (Spring 2019) is still in the subaward funding. Since DR4444 will be coming to a close in December 2020, Robbins sent out a message to townships about inundated roads (road that were under water when they were inspected and written up as projects). If those roads are coming out of the water, they will need to contact Robbins so they can get the materials to fix them.

DR4475 (Fall 2019) is moving into the subaward formulation phase because we are still working on getting funding. The funding for some townships came in July 21st but townships still need to do the work and submit invoices. Robbins is hoping to get letters out to townships tomorrow. Townships will have until summer 2021 to complete the work.

FEMA announced on July 9th that federal disaster assistance has been made available for flooding from April 1-25, 2020, which includes LaMoure County. Robbins explained a few challenges with this which includes: going back to those dates as flooding had to occur during April 1-24, and determining what is included as disaster damages. FEMA is working with the State of ND to determine a definition for spring flooding in order to determine what qualifies as disaster damages. During the PDA (preliminary disaster assessment) townships were asked to take dated pictures of flooding, roads and other potential damages. Robbins recommended to the commission that the townships that did not complete the PDA by the deadline will not be included in the funding. There are over 240 sites alone for those townships that did the work and met the deadline.

For DR4509-Pandemic, there is a Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). Requests were reviewed by OMB (State of ND Office of Management and Budget) and the State of ND Emergency Commission (EC). LaMoure County submitted expenses to help mitigate coronavirus in the courthouse and keep local government running. This does not include expenses for Public Health for testing covid-19, that goes through a different act. In order for the county government to receive funding, we had to go through FEMA and then OMB. LaMoure County should receive funding to help pay for expenses that were not budgeted. As

of July 21st, LaMoure County has 14 cases with 13 recovered, 757 unique individuals were tested and 1,480 total tests completed. Public Health offers testing every Thursday via “mini drive thru” as opposed to in office testing.

Robbins requested a motion that LaMoure County sign the IPAWS MOA, which provides public safety officials with an effective way to alert and warn the public about serious emergencies using the Emergency Alert System (EAS). This will be decided at the next commissioner meeting because State’s Attorney, James Shockman, would like more time to review.

Robbins requested a motion that LaMoure County sign a resolution to authorize increasing the 9-1-1 fee. Voters approved the increase for the 9-1-1 fee in the June primary election, so now a resolution to authorize that increase must be passed and the County Auditor, Jan Hamlin, has to certify the number of votes cast. Then that letter must be sent to all the telephone companies so that they can start charging residents the new rate. A motion was made by Comm Flath to sign the resolution to increase the 9-1-1 fee, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

LaMoure County Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, presented an annual review of the bank balances and securities. The reports used to be mandated to be reviewed semi-annually but now is just annually. Worrel reported that from January 1 to June 30, 2020 the county has received \$52,207, of that \$37,827 is from CD investments. Worrel estimates that another \$8,000 in interest income will be received through the end of the year.

Break 9:19 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Representatives from Grandview Township, Milton Limesand, Duane Clark, and Sean Seefeldt presented their concerns with a river bank stabilization project. They are having an issue with a road by the James River which goes along Memorial Park. With all the flooding over the years, there is a lot of bank erosion. Grandview representatives pointed out that this road is busy with farm and gravel pit traffic, as well as county highway employees using it for servicing the northwestern part of the county. Representatives shared a letter of support for the project from Skip Worrel. They have a plan and grant funds for the project. The grant funds would cover 90% of construction engineering and total construction cost. However, the project would need 100% local funds for design engineering. They included two estimates, KLJ design engineering estimate was \$34,000 and Interstate Engineer estimate was \$26,000 but they were missing some information in their estimate. They are estimating about \$64,000 of help from the county. Typically, the county does not help townships in funding their projects but may be able to help with the bonding process for the project and pay for it over time. The grant funds are good for at least 5 years as it is on a five-year plan. After some discussion, the commissioners decided to look into the legality of funding a township project and will be in touch with the representatives.

Larry Harmsen told the commissioners that the entrance to LaMoure County Memorial Park is beautiful and that the contractor did a wonderful job.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	4,049.00
AT&T MOBILITY	61.11
BIG CONE/THE	73.00
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	6,345.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,017.27
CENEX FLEETCARD	560.72
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	137.40
COMPUTER EXPRESS	32.50
COX REPAIR	10,525.20
D & B PORTABLES LLC	100.00
D & L CONCRETE	33,900.00
DAKOTA SEPTIC SERVICE	125.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	76.02
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	275.38
DEERE CREDIT, INC.	4,222.50
DICKEY COUNTY 4-H	49.98
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV	176.97
EDGELEY MAIL	3,279.45
ETHAN OLSON'S PEDAL TRACTOR PULLS	545.00

FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	702.94
GOOD/LAURIE	161.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	3,360.76
HEIDINGER/KEITH	548.35
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	249.10
INTERGRAPH CORPORATION	1,653.60
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	71.06
KLEIN/BRUCE	420.70
KLUG/ASHLEY	63.25
KULM SERVICE	27.55
LAMOURE POST PROM	500.00
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	435.00
LLOYDS MOTORS	133.77
MARQUART/ANDREW S.	288.00
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH	11.06
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	229.73
MILLER/LEE	533.40
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	39.16
MUNICIPALY LLC	1,020.00
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY	359.76
NDSU EXTENSION SARGENT COUNTY	25.00
NITSCHKE/TOM	4,000.00
NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	25.20
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,572.69
PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY	211.13
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	28.26
QUILL CORPORATION	1,478.52
RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	4,709.23
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	96.60
SCHULZ/MARVIN	492.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,668.58
STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	114.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	3,780.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	7,686.50
UPPER MISSOURI DIST HEALTH UNIT	1,300.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	42,764.40
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	187.27
VERIZON WIRELESS	471.33
WALKER/DELIA	90.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	901.86

There being no further business, Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor