

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
June 15, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 15, 2021, with Commissioners Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Keith Heidinger, Jason Weigel, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, State's Attorney James Shockman, Auditor Jan Hamlin, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins, and Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail. Chairman Lee Miller was absent. Vice Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:31 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Vice Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. LaMoure County Memorial Park was an addition. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the June 1st and special June 8th minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, gave his report. The crew is working on graveling CR 33 and CR 163. They are working on township shoulder pulls and then moving to CR 66 south of Alfred. Saratoga Township had 90% of the worst damage in the heavy rain event June 7-8th. Six major crossings need repairs. They are all county culverts but the roads are the responsibility of the township. CR 65 had most of the west ditch filled with dirt and field residue. There are numerous small township projects and culverts to work on in Saratoga, Sheridan, and Adrian Township due to the rain event. There was a cattle crossing washed out northwest of Dickey which will cost the county \$15,000 to replace. There was no way to fix it so it was torn out and replaced with three temporary 48" culverts. It is the only access to a residence. The new box culvert crossing will be here in about a month. Comm Flath made a motion to enter into a contract with Gladen Construction for the bridge bundling projects, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. Comm Flath made a motion to accept the contract with the NDDOT for the 1st Street NE railroad crossing in LaMoure, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried. The county share will be approximately \$10,000 and the project will get done this summer.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, started with the severe summer storms June 7-8th. The state of North Dakota realizes throughout the state these storms did produce damage. There was road damage in Saratoga Township from these storms. The threshold for damage to receive FEMA public assistance in the state of North Dakota has to be one million dollars and LaMoure County damage threshold for fiscal year 2021 would have to be \$16,101 (based on square miles and population). Cities and townships would be eligible for expenses incurred to prevent or repair public infrastructure damage which includes roads, pumping city streets, protecting a city storm sewer system, and damage to a school. LaMoure County will exceed the \$16,101 threshold from this event. The state now wants counties to assess their individual damage threshold. Since LaMoure County met their threshold, the county can now declare an emergency declaration. The state will collect all the information to see if they meet their threshold of one million dollars. The governor would then have to do a statewide declaration and that declaration would have to go to the president for his approval. LaMoure County also received storm damage later in the week. These two summer storm events cannot be combined. Comm Heidinger made a motion to sign the emergency declaration for the June 7-8th storm event, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. Ms. Robbins gave updates on DR4444/DR4475/DR4552. DR4444 was the spring 2019 flood event. There has been an extension granted until December 2021. Several townships have completed that and are eligible for underrun funds. DR4475 was the fall 2019 flood event. A request was made for another one-year extension which was filed June 7th so work would be eligible until July 2022 if approved. Several townships have completed that and are eligible for underrun funds. DR4553 was the spring 2020 flood event. Most of the townships are nearing completion so we hope an extension will not be needed. This would then be closed November 2021. Ms. Robbins would like the commissioners to discuss the underrun funds. Underrun funds means they have completed the sites under budget. In the past, we have let the townships use that funding for hazard mitigation or additional gravel in the township. The other option is to let the county keep the underrun funds. The townships only receive underrun funds if they complete all their sites. There are only seven townships that could receive the underrun funds and the most is \$4,000. The commissioners all agreed the underrun funds should go back to the townships.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, would like to cancel warrants/checks that have not been cashed for over a year. It is for warrant number 13999 dated 8/14/2019 to NDDOT for \$5.00, warrant number 14028 dated 12/12/2019 to NDDOT for \$3.00, warrant number 14049 dated 1/10/2020 to Dave Stearn for \$12.49, warrant number 14053 dated 1/16/2020 to Jacob Haage for \$45.07, warrant number 14090 dated 5/7/2020 to Sierra Haman for \$3,937.87, warrant number 14118 dated 8/10/2020 to NDDOT for

\$76.50, and warrant number 87220 to National Association of County Engineers dated 4/21/2020 for \$200.00. The board can approve the cancellations, then print them in the newspaper, and if there is no response from anyone they will go to unclaimed property at the state. The unclaimed property at the state requests you hold them for two years. Ms. Worrel has exhausted all means to contact the parties that the check is under the two years wait period. She has made a request to unclaimed property to accept them so they may approve all of them. Comm Flath made a motion to cancel the checks/warrants presented and send to unclaimed property, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried. Ms. Worrel presented her semiannual review of the financial report of securities and cash on hand. The grand total investment is \$4,010,746.22 as of May 31, 2021. A motion was not necessary but Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Holly Braun with Agri Valley Insurance was at the last meeting to discuss the county building values. After some discussion, a motion was made by Comm Heidinger to go with the new property values recommended by NDIRF and also increase the 180' guyed tower/antenna at 9851 Hwy 13 from \$61,012 to \$70,000 and the warning siren on pole at 9797 66th St SE from \$15,798 to \$20,000, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

The Old Time Tractor Pullers Association would like to hold their annual truck and tractor pull on June 20, 2021 at the south 30 acres of a parcel North of R/W 6-133-60. They have provided proof of insurance and signed an indemnity/hold harmless agreement. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Comm Flath made a motion to appoint Chairman Lee Miller as the NDACo delegate for LaMoure County, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Park Manager, Kevin Shockman, made a request to have changes made to the park policy: page 2, weekend camping #1, #4, and #6. Kevin wanted it changed before the coming weekend. State's Attorney, James Shockman, recommended a decision be made by the whole park board at a special meeting. The new sign for the park could be discussed at that meeting as well. It will be put on the July 6th agenda as a special meeting.

This was not on the agenda but brought up for clarification since there will not be a meeting before July 4th. Will fireworks be allowed on the 4th of July because of the burn ban? The consensus was that fireworks will be permitted since they were not included in the ban.

Break 9:39 a.m. to 9:49 a.m.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	8.00
ALLIED ENERGY	4,272.76
BERT'S TRUCK EQUIP OF MOORHEAD	895.24
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	9,319.78
C & S MOTORSPORTS	128.28
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,782.69
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	58.44
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	23.04
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY VIEW FUEL	63.13
COLE PAPERS INC	201.15
COMPUTER EXPRESS	3,111.83
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
D & B PORTABLES LLC	100.00
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	87.50
DAKOTA COUNTRY TRUCKS LLC	212.50
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	125.40
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	105.01
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	469.70
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	617.36
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	341.32
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	2,932.01
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
GOOD OIL COMPANY	1,424.00

GOOD/LAURIE	211.26
GRAHAM TIRE ABERDEEN	150.08
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE	2,018.22
HEIDINGER/KEITH	444.48
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	136.40
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,286.85
JONES/TORIE	16.80
KLEIN/BRUCE	415.12
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	215.77
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	929.65
LAMOURE CITY	81.50
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	7.47
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	13.00
LAMOURE HARDWARE	1,042.90
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,079.17
LAMOURE POSTMASTER	442.00
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	702.88
LARSON GRAIN CO	91.40
LEAF	82.90
MAC'S HARDWARE	82.65
MAERTENS WELDING & MACHINE CO	23,700.00
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	324.98
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	449.65
MILLER/LEE	264.96
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	31.78
O'DAY EQUIPMENT INC	530.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	502.29
OUTLET RECREATION	31,000.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	46.98
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	105.09
QUILL CORPORATION	2,242.51
REDS FIXIT SHOP LLC	430.00
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	358.40
STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	225.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	55.03
TOTAL HOME, INC.	1,221.89
TRUENORTH STEEL	23,865.60
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	299.75
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	253.08
WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,655.02
WEIGEL/JASON	367.20
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00
Z'S TREES RESIDENTIAL, LLC	4,800.00
3D SPECIALTIES	5,740.40

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor