

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER  
MEETING-March 20, 2018**

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman Bruce Klein called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Bob Flath, Keith Heidinger, Victor Weigel, and Lee Miller were also present. Also attending were Janice Hamlin, Auditor; Tonya Duffy, State's Attorney; Tim Geinert, Assistant County Highway Superintendent; Patty Wood-Bartle, Edgeley Mail; and Gerald Harris, LaMoure Chronicle.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda: Appoint LaMoure County Water Resource District Board Member, Appoint LaMoure County Senior Citizen Board Member, and 5 County Meeting Agenda. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the additions and the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the minutes for the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Tim Geinert, Assistant County Highway Superintendent reported that the crews are doing maintenance on the Kenworth truck, changing cutting edges and routine work on the dozers, and rebuilding grizzly on crusher trap. They are installing stairs in Benson shop for overhead storage above the bathroom. They are prepping Benson blade for a rake attachment. The state has put the road restrictions on west of Hwy 281. Geinert would recommend that the county restrictions go on when the state puts the restrictions on east of Hwy 281 which will possibly be within one week. It takes a day to do signing. A motion was made by Comm Miller to put the road restrictions on the whole county when the state puts restrictions on east of Hwy 281, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Geinert said that the major equipment rates have increased \$1.00 per hour from last year. That would include blades and snowplows. The other increase would be .05 for crushing gravel. The increases are due to fuel and tire prices.

Geinert would like to set up meetings for the townships the first week of April. The townships have to do mile certs, blading, snow removal, and shoulder pull maps. The township will get the contract and price list. Some of the commissioners would be okay with consolidating their districts into one meeting. The dates are set for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. The townships will be notified of their date and time.

Geinert would like to purchase a loader scale to add to the JD that is used at the gravel pits. He currently has a quote of \$9,000.00 for one installed with the training included. It was put in the budget with a printer. The commissioners said that if it was in the budget he could go ahead and get it.

Geinert would like to purchase a one way snow plow. He has a quote for a used installed at \$17,200.00 and a new installed at \$27,600.00. It will go to the Dickey Shop and should be ready by the middle of summer. It is in the equipment budget. The board had no issues if he purchases the used installed if it is in the budget.

LaMoure County Human Resource Consultant Tanya Wieler was contacted for a conference call. Wieler gave the hiring committee's recommendation for the new Highway Superintendent to the board. The committee recommended Joshua Loegering. Wieler stated there were three interviews conducted last Thursday. All applicants had good experience and it was not an easy decision. Wieler is willing to negotiate the salary based on the budget and the current pay scale. A motion was made by Comm Miller to hire Joshua Loegering for LaMoure County Highway Superintendent and have Tanya Wieler negotiate the salary, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Roll call vote was taken. Miller-yes, Weigel-yes, Heidinger-yes, Flath-abstained, Klein-yes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a Beer & Liquor License Application for Edgeley Splickan Country Club. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the Beer and Liquor License, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm Weigel to appoint Jason Gross to the LaMoure County Water Resource District Board to replace Marvin Schulz who has resigned, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to appoint Lydia Olson to the LaMoure County Senior Citizen Board to replace Mike Johnson who has resigned, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

LaMoure County will be responsible for the agenda for the 5 County Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to leave the agenda open until closer to the meeting.

Break 9:18 a.m. to 9:28 a.m.

The board received word that Joshua Loegering did accept the Highway Superintendent position.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert returned to the meeting with the new rate sheets. The only other thing that went up was the culvert plastic bands. A motion was made by Comm Weigel to approve the county equipment rates, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

The bills were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to pay the bills presented, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ACME TOOLS	1,399.99
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	2,536.00
BUILDERS MART	456.95
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	737.63
CENEX FLEETCARD	852.89
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	783.56
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,420.99
CONTROL SOLUTIONS, INC.	103.00
COUNTY LINE MACHINE, LLC	550.25
DAKOTA PERFORMANCE & ACCESSORIES	150.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	114.85
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	288.41
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
EDGELEY MAIL	76.56
ESCOSUPPLY	6,850.36
FLATH/ROBERT	396.80
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	7,128.44
HAMLIN/JANICE	285.30
HEIDINGER/KEITH	243.74
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	5.12
JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	3,001.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	727.89
KLEIN/BRUCE	314.72
KLEVER/DARCY	1,471.55
KLEVER/JAKE	378.00
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	56.52
LAMOURE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	146.91
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	19.58
LAQUINTA INN & SUITES	81.90
MAC'S INC	66.74
MCLEAN/ANNA	70.00
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	1,927.82
MILLER/LEE	213.22
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	52.24
NARDINI	589.31
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	10.00
ND SAFETY COUNCIL	900.00
NDACS	50.00
NORTHWEST TIRE INC	458.00
NORTHWESTERN EQUIPMENT, INC	252.87
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,947.35
PETERSON/KENT	108.00
PHARMCHEM INC	28.55
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	26.22
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	549.76
QUILL CORPORATION	1,538.57
RDO TRUCK CENTERS	157.04
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	221.27
RODE/HARMONY	65.40
SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE	115.00
TKK ELECTRONICS	8,414.46
VERIZON WIRELESS	523.79
VISA	5,544.78
W.D. LARSON COMPANIES LTD INC	1,764.41
WASTE MANAGEMENT	73.88

WEIGEL/VICTOR  
WEST END HIDE, FUR & METAL CO., INC

193.60  
304.85

Recess for the Park Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Park Board Meeting:

Present-Commissioners: Weigel, Flath, Klein, and Miller; Park Board Members: Billi Warcken, Sonya Albertson, and Kenneth Klever; Edgeley Mail, Patty Wood-Bartle; LaMoure Chronicle, Gerald Harris; Auditor Janice Hamlin; State's Attorney Tonya Duffy.

The additions to the agenda were: canoe access, park brochures, and centennial. A motion was made by Klever to approve the additions and the agenda, seconded by Warcken. Motion carried.

Chairman Klein informed the board that the siding, windows, soffits, and gutter work on the auditorium was complete last fall. Three doors on the west side will need paint. They will have to address the east side at some point. There was extra siding.

The stone entryway was discussed. It was decided that a committee would be formed to come up with a plan of exactly what kind of work they want done and then put the job out for bids. Albertson and Comm Weigel volunteered for the committee. They are hoping to get one more volunteer. The metal gates will need to be replaced too.

Albertson would like to see the tent fee and two questions added to the camping envelopes. The board agreed it would be a good idea. Albertson will take care of the changes and the order.

It was discussed that the park needs some battery operated tools, like a Sawzall.

Comm Weigel will take care of the tractor repairs. He believes it may just need new spark plugs.

There was discussion on capping the old septic tank by the old playground. The board would like Mike Shockman to check it out and make sure it is a septic tank.

The fees for 2018 will remain the same as last year: \$20.00 for RV, \$15.00 for a tent, \$75.00 for the kitchen and bunk house, \$75.00 for house, \$25.00 for the canteen, and \$600.00 for seasonal campers. The park had eight seasonal last year.

Chairman Klein opened and read a letter from Mike Shockman, Park Supervisor. It was Shockman's formal letter of resignation. He stated that he would be willing to work a couple of weeks to help the new Park Supervisor. Shockman has done a good job and will be missed.

Hamlin will put an ad in the paper for Park Supervisor and summer help. Human Resource will help set the salary for supervisor. The ads will run two weeks for both positions and the deadline will be April 6<sup>th</sup>. The interview committee will be Warcken, Klever, and Comm Weigel.

The canoe access didn't happen last year but will start this year. Comm Flath will take the lead on this project.

The park brochures will last through 2018. They will need to be updated and printed for 2019. Susan Long created the design last time. The cost is believed to be around \$1,000.00.

The centennial for the park will be in 2020. The dedication was June 24, 1920. There is time to work on events for the celebration.

The church will be finished this year. The floor needs to be painted.

The 4-H will be replanting the trees that were lost last year at the park.

A motion was made by Warcken to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Klever. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Reconvene Board of Commissioner's meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The Paid Under Protest meeting began at 11:05 a.m. Mark Schlenker spoke first in reference to parcel number 29-3750004. This is an old elevator in Alfred. He only uses it for farming. There is no sewer or water and he doesn't pay for street lights. He would like to see the parcel changed from commercial to agricultural. Schlenker was made aware that he must meet three of the criteria defined in NDCC 57-02-01 to change the classification. It was brought up that the township could consider zoning. The new bins on this property are what increased the valuation significantly. If he knew they would have cost that much, he wouldn't have put them up. The elevator went from \$1,300 in value to \$39,000. The total value of the parcel is at \$209,700.

Mike Brandenburg owns Edgeley Bean & Receiving, LLC, parcel numbers 34-2751010 and 34-2751009. He paid \$1,000 for the elevator ten years ago and it would have cost \$100,000 to demolish. He took a chance on it and fixed it up to use to store crop grown by the family. Tax Director Denice Porter said that the value has been lowered. It was determined that during the Vanguard commercial reevaluation the City of Edgeley campground was included with Brandenburg's adjacent property as a mobile home court. By taking that off, the increase would be \$133,400. The taxes went from \$3,500 to \$5,000. He is concerned that the commercial valuation for these privately owned elevators is not the same as for the operating elevators. It might take a legislative review to get this changed. The hopper bins are also an issue. They are considered a fixed asset if they sit on a cement pad and are bolted down. However, they must be bolted down to be eligible for property insurance. He considers them rolling stock instead of a fixed asset. A legislative clarification would help. Porter agrees to look at hopper bins and make adjustments. There needs to be fairness between commercial elevators that handle ten million bushels versus an elevator that is used only for personal storage.

Blane Nitschke discussed parcel number 39-0311010. He is in the same boat as the previous two. It is an old elevator in the City of Jud. Blane built a new shop along with other improvements. His concern is with the hopper bins. He would appreciate help on them. He questioned the outcome from the previous meeting with the board. It was tabled at that time. The county accepted the Vanguard reappraisal. Porter said that Vanguard did work with Blane at that time and some things were removed. The City of Jud is not zoned. Nitschke said that some of the buildings are on skids and should not be taxed. Porter asked Nitschke to bring her a list and she will review it.

The Edgeley Country Club was next and the board recommends they get it surveyed.

Patty Wood-Bartle owns the old Edgeley Mail building parcel number 34-0105030. She said that the valuation of the old Edgeley Mail building is similar to the Edgeley Mail building she occupies. The old Edgeley Mail is the oldest building in Edgeley and should be demolished. It is only used for cold storage. The land value went from \$1,100 to \$5,400 and the building value went from \$3,600 to \$20,800. Patty said that she didn't receive the increase letter in the mail. The board let her know that the county plans to mail a second notice. She also stated that Vanguard didn't enter the building. She doesn't oppose paying taxes on it but the amount isn't appropriate.

A motion was made by Comm Flath to deny all seven paid under protests, seconded by Comm Miller. Roll call vote was taken. Miller-yes, Weigel-yes, Heidinger-yes, Flath-yes, and Klein-yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Comm Heidinger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF APRIL 2018

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BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

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JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor