

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
January 20, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Thursday, January 20, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Keith Heidinger, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel and Lee Miller, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Treasurer Cindy Worrel, 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. State's Attorney James Shockman is attending a conference so not able to attend. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:38 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. Comm Miller added set Park Board meeting date. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Miller made a motion to approve the January 4 minutes, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. He said the plows have been out every day since last Friday. They should finish all roads by the end of this Friday. Things have been going well. He will need to purchase a new plow truck. The yellow truck keeps having issues. He contacted Nelson International and it will take a year and a half to get one. He plans to put this in his 2023 budget. Josh went over the bridge project south of Adrian on CR 63. Fred Gackle would like to plant trees on the NE section of 33-133-63. Pomona View township is not zoned so the county policy takes effect for the variance. Josh said there is a snow problem there but it has nothing to do with the trees. It has to do with the higher ground on the north side. This will be on the south side and there are trees already there. Josh doesn't have a problem with it. They will be planted 75' back from the center. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve tree planting set back variance, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. The due date to apply for the 27 million made available by NDDOT for local bridges was the 15th. Josh submitted an application with the help of KLJ for the bridge south of Adrian on CR 63. That bridge is currently the only bridge in the county rated in poor condition that is still open. The estimated rehab cost is \$718,000. Our local share would be approximately \$11,000. The project could be as soon as this summer. The Kartes bridge project is ready for bid.

Treasurer Cindy Worrel started with HB 1505. The state sent the county funds and each township will receive approximately \$10,000. It is 5,208.33 plus the formula for road miles. They will be distributed with the other allocations of tax collections in the February payments. Comm Flath made a motion to accept the following financial institutions: BankNorth, Dakota Plains Credit Union, Heartland State Bank, Hometown Credit Union, Dakota Heritage Bank, Choice Financial, and LaMoure Credit Union and to accept the securities that were presented as of December 31, 2021, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Cindy said that about one third of the 2021 taxes have been collected as of December 31, 2021. Cindy went over some more abatements. Some were privately owned and then went to exempt; some are homestead credits, and others were county property. The homestead credit money will come back to the county in 2023. The total loss to the county is \$1,099.25 and a true and full value taxable loss is 70,000. Comm Flath made a motion to accept the canceled and added tax list as presented, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Public Health Director Jessica Duffy and Financial Manager Darcy Klever discussed a possible new building for Public Health. There is a need for another exam room and private offices. Currently five people share one office. There is lack of privacy for meetings, phone calls, conversations, and treatments. There is also a lack of storage space. Patients use the hallway as a waiting area. A new building would make it possible to offer more services which could increase revenue. Some services could possibly be a Nurse Practitioner, family planning, dentist, and mental health services. They have researched three building location options: Nogosek buildings, Old Super Valu, and Trinity Lutheran Church. The owners of the Nogosek buildings would transfer the deeds to LaMoure Public Health at no cost. The old buildings would be removed. It is attached to the mall. The estimate for this project is from \$820,000 to \$975,000 based on the initial analysis by an architect. The new building would have around 4,000 square feet. LaMoure Community Development is willing to make a good offer on the old Super Valu but no offer has been made. The overall square footage is 7,240. It needs a new roof, new floor, and new everything in inside. The parking lot needs repairs and that cost is not in the estimate. The estimate for this project is from \$850,000 to \$1,000,000 based on the initial analysis by an architect. The Trinity Lutheran Church could be purchased for the sale price. It is very large. It was not for sale at the time the architect looked at the other buildings. Jessica said they are leaning towards the Nogosek

buildings. The cost is less, the location is better, there is parking on the street, and people could still find them easily down the same hallway. Jessica said some ways to pay for this could be from ARPA funds, carry over funds, and levy. The old Nogoesk buildings will need to be checked for asbestos. It would cost \$500 per building. Jessica did talk to the city about a building permit. It would be good for two years once approved. They would want to know how the buildings will be disposed on the application. The city would need special permits if we are going to dispose of certain items at the city dump. The health board has approved building. A lot of information was presented to the commissioners. They want to think it over. They will do some research into spending county money on the asbestos survey since the county currently doesn't own the property. After this step, the commissioners want accurate figures before any decisions are made. Jessica gave a COVID update. She said the new guidelines for isolation are five days. She said Tuesday's testing came back with a 50% positive rate. On Wednesday there were more positives so the cases are increasing rapidly. If you test negative for COVID and are sick, it is a good chance it could be the flu.

Break 9:47 a.m. to 9:54 a.m.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins presented on the Wellness Program agreement and coordinator appointment. The employer-based Wellness Program allows participating health insurance employers to receive a 1% health insurance premium discount for promoting wellness. Employees and spouses who have the health plan can receive up to \$250 in gift cards/prizes for completing online health review and earning points. LaMoure County has been a part of this program for a while. The requirements are a wellness program coordinator needs to be appointed. The coordinator must distribute wellness materials provided by NDPERS to employees. As the wellness coordinator, you must complete two wellness activities per year, and complete commitment agreement, application, and end-of-year confirmation. Comm Jason Weigel made a motion to continue with the Wellness Program and appoint Kimberly Robbins as the Wellness Coordinator, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried. One of the activities set up is the Heart Health check provided by Public Health on February 1 for the courthouse. The highway department will be scheduled another day. The funding is provided by NDPERS/Sanford Health Plan. February 22nd will be the AED training for quarterly Emergency Preparedness Plan. The other activities planned quarterly are 2nd quarter-fire extinguisher or building lock down; 3rd quarter-emergency escape ladder; and 4th quarter-active threat training.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to set the 2022 mileage reimbursement rate at 58.5 cents per mile, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor Hamlin went over the 2021 budget amendments. They are \$1,142,141.87 county general, \$9,546 grants, \$1,857 hazardous chemical & prep, and \$237,454 culverts purchase & resale. The county general was for projects approved in 2019 and 2020 but not completed until 2021. Hazardous chemical & prep approved the expense at a meeting and had the funds. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the amendments, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor Hamlin went over the 2021 transfers. They are \$1,084 from county general to community service, \$52,523.13 from county general (state aid) to farm to market, \$143,845.85 from road and bridge to farm to market, and \$190,677.15 from road and bridge to culverts. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

The next Park Board meeting is set for February 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Klein gave a report on the Garrison Diversion Matching Recreation Grant Program. He said the spring application deadline is March 1. They have added swimming pools and ball fields to the project list. The dollar amount per project is up to \$75,000. Once your project is approved you have three years to complete it.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLIED ENERGY	4,678.38
AT&T MOBILITY	60.97
BI INCORPORATED	125.60
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,770.48
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,434.59
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	35.10
CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	180.00

COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,699.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
D VENTURE	120.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	141.67
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	238.29
FLATH/ROBERT	200.00
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	6,231.44
GOOD OIL COMPANY	33,281.96
GRAHAM TIRE ABERDEEN	424.52
HEIDINGER/KEITH	250.31
HENRY SCHEIN	717.88
HWY. 13 ONE-STOP SHOP, INC	8,340.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,379.60
JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	87.00
JIM WEBER FORD, INC.	10.38
JOHN R BECK INSURANCE LLC	493.29
KLEIN/BRUCE	210.53
KULM MESSENGER	21.46
L & O ACRES TRANSPORT, INC.	2,475.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	30.00
LAMOURE COUNTY MUSEUM	5,000.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	11.45
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	62.95
LAMOURE HARDWARE	408.57
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,783.25
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	18.72
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	4,970.80
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO	100.00
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	30,587.83
MILLER/LEE	267.86
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY	668.08
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	18.00
ND CO AUDITORS ASSOCIATION	100.00
ND COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION	100.00
ND DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	18,668.99
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	120.00
ND TAX COMMISSIONER	1,519.90
NDLTAP	225.00
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	128.24
ONSOLVE, LLC	2,185.80
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,692.87
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	660.58
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
RIDDLE/JAMES	193.05
SHOCKMAN/JAMES	57.11
SOUTHEAST ND CO COMM ASSOC	350.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS INC	118.60
STUTSMAN CO CORRECTION CENTER	3,750.00
STUTSMAN CO NARCOTICS TASK FORCE	5,600.00
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	92.84
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	917.50
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	449.00
ULMER/AL	187.20
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	162.15
VERIZON WIRELESS	412.40
VISTOS CARQUEST	64.94
WASTE MANAGEMENT	121.40
WEIGEL/JASON	246.80
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor