

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
June 1, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 1, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Keith Heidinger, Jason Weigel, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, 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. State's Attorney, James Shockman, was absent. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:33 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Miller asked for additions to the agenda. Comm Heidinger added museum and Chairman Miller added set future meeting dates. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the May 18th minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, gave his report. He started with the bridge on CR34. He had KLJ go through the bridge inspection reports. This bridge has the largest weight limit reduction. This is due to the federal government changing the way they analyze bridges for safety. The current beams were found to be undersized. The county will need to do something in the next couple of years. The estimated cost to add additional beams or replace the bridge is one to two million. The two crack sealing crews started May 24. They are working on CR 35 east of Dickey this week. The NDDOT rejected the bid from Quality Earthworks for the Bridge Bundling Project and approved the new low bidder, Gladen Construction at \$873,873.65. A resolution between NDDOT and LaMoure County will need to be approved. State's Attorney, James Shockman, has reviewed the resolution and didn't have any issues. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the resolution with NDDOT for the Bridge Bundling Project, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried. On May 27, Josh and Comm Klein conducted a phone interview with KLJ who was the only engineer to submit a proposal for the Bridge Bundling Project. They answered all the questions satisfactory and there weren't any issues. Comm Flath made a motion to select KLJ as the engineer for this project, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the certification letter, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. The crew did a box culvert replacement on Dry Creek west of Adrian with steel culverts. The crews have been spot graveling on the county line west of CR 62, CR 33, and CR 163. The crew has been crushing chips at the Schmoker pit. The township blades are on their 2nd and 3rd rounds. They have one disc at Benson and the other at Jud. There are three more discs on the way. They are working well. The only time they won't use the disc is during haying season.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, said that the County Tax Equalization meeting will be June 8th in the courtroom with the cities at 9:00 a.m. and townships at 10:00 a.m. Bob Ehler with Vanguard will be available for any questions. The property values will be set at the June 15th meeting.

Holly Braun with Agri Valley Insurance talked about the county property insurance which is due for renewal on July 1. This policy is the previous fire and tornado policy. They have reviewed the properties, taken measurements, and pictures. NDIRF wants the commissioners to review and see if they would like to make any changes to the values of the buildings. The biggest change NDIRF would like the commissioners to take a look at is the courthouse building value. The current value is at \$5,176,600 and they would like to see you go to \$10,281,180.00. Restoring the courthouse to the original state is very expensive if there is a total loss. The current premium for the courthouse is \$2,349.67 and it would go to \$4,668.00. If underinsured, the policy will still be paid but it would be a partial payment. The building premiums are based on square footage. Every property on the list will remain the same unless the commissioners decide to raise or lower any values. The new premiums would be \$6,915 if the county goes with the suggested building value increase and the premiums would be \$3,689.88 if the county stays with the current values. The commissioners would like to review the building values and replacement costs. They will make a decision at the next meeting.

Superintendent of Schools designee, Jan Hamlin, informed the board that a county resident has requested a Petition for Annexation of Property from one public school district to another. Jan started the process by filling out and mailing the petition to the resident. The county needs to form a LaMoure County School District Reorganization Board which will require five members, one from each commissioner district. The ad went in the papers last week and the deadline is June 11. The board members are paid through the state. They will receive \$62.50 per day plus mileage. The term will be appointed for three years. It was advised to have staggered terms when forming the original board.

The petitioner must have a child attending the school they would like to annex to and their property must be contiguous to that school district. The petition hasn't been returned as of the meeting.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, provided the current statistics on COVID as of May 31. There is one active case in the county. LaMoure County vaccination rate is under 50% and the goal is 70%. Our 80 plus year olds are vaccinated at 77.3%, 70-79 are at 74.2%, 60-69 are at 64.5%, and the 50-59 are at 52.3%. It then drops off significantly. Our 40 and under are all at less than 50% vaccinated. LaMoure County currently has a Pandemic Declaration which allowed us to have our emergency operations center open virtually and as needed. We are also eligible for state funding. The governor has rescinded the state declaration. Currently the declaration allows us to use our county emergency funds and keep our emergency operations center open as needed. LaMoure County only has the Moderna vaccination and this one hasn't been approved for the 12-17 age group. They are hoping it will be approved by this fall before school starts. The commissioners decided to leave the declaration in place for now since the county has less than 50% of the population vaccinated.

Comm Heidinger updated the commissioners about the LaMoure County Museum. It opened this past Memorial Day weekend. There were 55 visitors. This is a very good turnout. The visitors were very impressed with the museum. Comm Heidinger encouraged everyone to go out and visit the museum and see all the work they have done out there. The museum is looking for volunteers to sit at the museum on Saturday or Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They would appreciate your help.

Future commissioner meeting dates were set for August 3 & 17 and September 7 & 21.

Break 9:29 a.m. to 9:39 a.m.

The 5-County Meeting has been changed to July 15th so NDACo could be available for a presentation.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	63.00
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	467.84
CHAMP SOFTWARE INC	7,552.00
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EMS OF LAMOURE	400.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,970.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DEITZ/JOE	92.41
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	921.91
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV	182.28
EDGELEY MAIL	526.50
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	5,709.06
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	3,551.54
GOOD OIL COMPANY	32.55
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE	75.94
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	2,935.31
HOMAN/CAROLINE	40.32
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,004.65
JONES/TORIE	7.70
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	918.04
LAMOURE CITY	92.31
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	119.90
LLOYDS MOTORS	82.32
MAC'S HARDWARE	44.00
MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE CO	8,078.00
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	2,735.06
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES COMPANY	39.10
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	68.00
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	75.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	10.00
NORTHWEST TIRE INC	1,435.66
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	615.00
OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	471.67
QUILL CORPORATION	283.67
VERIZON WIRELESS	304.55
YOUNG INNOVATIONS	182.89

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor