

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-May 19, 2020

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday May 19, 2020 with Chairman Keith Heidinger, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Acting Secretary Deb Kindelspire, and Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering at the courthouse. Commissioners Bruce Klein, Lee Miller, Bob Flath, and Marvin Schulz were in attendance via conference call. Also attending by teleconference were State's Attorney James Shockman, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. The chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Additions to the agenda included: an election update, the courthouse drop box, and an application for Beer/Liquor License. Comm Klein moved to approve the agenda with its additions, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger asked if the minutes were okay for the May 5 meeting. Comm Schulz moved to approved the May 5 minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried. Chairman Heidinger asked if the minutes were oaky for the May 5 Memorial Park Board meeting. Comm Klein pointed out a change on the Garrison Diversion grant and Comm Flath a change on the riverbank erosion paragraph. Comm Flath moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. He stated the first round of blading on township roads is underway and should be completed by the middle of next week. Martin is repairing county roads with the mulcher and box blade. Spring load restrictions were removed Monday May 8, and the signs are being removed as time permits. Documentation of gas tax maps are urgently needed from the townships of Greenville, Willowbank, Raney and Golden Glen. The summer crew started work on Monday, first crack sealing the City of LaMoure, and then moving on to the county pavement. The goal is to seal all county pavement this summer.

Township and County culvert projects are ongoing. There were 44 culverts installed as of last week. County Road 62 from ND 13 to Berlin will be closed in the morning on May 20 for a culvert installation.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave her information via teleconference. She asked for a motion to sign the funding agreement concerning FEMA DR4475. Comm Miller moved to approve, seconded by Comm Flath. Roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried. The next topic was an update on the pandemic. The emergency operations center is open virtually. There has been some discussion on reopening, and she had a risk level graphic. There have been 240 tests for COVID-19 done in LaMoure County, all negative at this point. Both long-term care facilities in the county have been tested. The commissioners have elected to not reopen the courthouse until after the primary election.

Jeff Glynn from the Dickey & LaMoure County Abstract & Title Company requested a quit-claim deed from the county to clean up a title issue from 1958, when the county obtained a small piece of property by the railroad 150'X50" for unpaid taxes. Comm Klein moved to approve the deed, seconded by Comm Schulz. Roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

Comm Flath brought up the issue of the ballot drop box installed at the courthouse. He suggested a larger box. After election, it could be used to drop off items for any office at the courthouse. Funds could be available through the CARES act. Comm Schulz moved to approve the purchase of a larger box, seconded by Comm Miller. Roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

Auditor Hamlin reported as of May 18: 1,205 ballots have been sent and 371 returned. The primary election is a vote by mail only election.

A beer, liquor, and Sunday opening license was applied for by End of the Road Bar & Grill in Adrian, ND. Comm. Miller moved to approve the license, seconded by Comm. Flath. Roll call voted reveal all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

The Memorial Park Centennial Committee requested two free weekend camping passes to offer as a door prize. Comm Flath moved to approve the request, seconded by Comm Schulz. Roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried. The committee has decided to proceed with current plans for the celebration as of now, with a decision to be made by June 15. It was suggested to involve Kimberly Robbins and Jessica Duffy to make sure the recommended precautions for large-group activities are observed.

Comm Klein reported that Garrison Diversion grants have been approved in the amount of \$483,471 for a total of 19 projects. Two of these projects were awarded to LaMoure County, one for additional electrical hookups at Memorial Park, and one for the walking path at Sunset Park. Klein also reminded everyone of the 2020 Census. LaMoure County has a 57% response rate at present.

Break 9:25 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.

Bob Ehler from Vanguard Appraisals participated in the meeting by telephone to discuss the upcoming residential appraisal scheduled to be done in the county. The commissioners are very concerned with the field inspectors that will be working in the county, considering the COVID-19 threat. Ehler reassured the commission that they would be respectful of the rules, citing the 6-foot distancing requirement, as well as using masks and gloves. Due to Vanguard scheduling, the next available year is 2025 and will include a 15% increase to the total cost. If it is done this summer, the original contract would have to be updated since there will not be a 70% home entry rate for inspection. This will reduce the cost of the appraisal approximately \$10.00 per parcel which would be a savings to the county of about \$15,000.00. Out of concern for county residents, considerable discussion ensued, with the commission unsure of whether or not to proceed with the appraisal as scheduled. The tax department will continue the prep work and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Auditor Jan Hamlin added one additional bill that arrived this morning in the mail to the list given to the commissioners yesterday. Comm Flath moved to pay the bills, seconded by Comm Miller. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLIED ENERGY	96.51
ASPHALT ZIPPER, INC	952.67
AT&T MOBILITY	58.94
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	330,285.37
CENEX FLEETCARD	245.30
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	86.79
CHAMP SOFTWARE INC	7,331.00
CLAYCRETE GLOBAL LLC	12,230.19
COLE PAPERS INC	143.92
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,965.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
D & B PORTABLES LLC	150.00
D & L CONCRETE	12,950.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	161.52
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	99.99
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
EDGELEY DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS	100.00
FLATH/ROBERT	312.65
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	2,684.93
GUARDIAN FLEET SUPPLY	4,542.39
HAMLIN/JANICE	12.65
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	1,674.05
HEIDINGER/KEITH	398.90
HENRY SCHEIN	1,154.73
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	80.13
INDUSTRIAL BUILDERS INC	32,500.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,252.40
KLEIN/BRUCE	217.25
KULM MESSENGER	372.40
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	44.00
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	305.25
LONG/SUSAN R.	2,262.50
LYNN JOHNSON LOCK & KEY SERVICES	477.60
MILLER/LEE	219.55
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	40.58
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	7.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	1,145.74
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	320.00
OST BODY & PAINT	720.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,228.67
PHARMCHEM INC	28.55

PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	44.00
PITNEY BOWES	456.00
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	28.26
QUILL CORPORATION	580.75
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	325.00
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	25.30
SANOFI PASTEUR INC	324.70
SCHMOKER/MICHAEL	44.85
SCHULZ/MARVIN	223.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	4,200.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	29,779.20
UNITED PRINTING	2,878.25
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	213.85
VERIZON WIRELESS	487.53
WALKER/DELIA	45.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	188.40
813 SALES, LLC	82.92

There being no further business, Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2020

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor