

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING-
May 3, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 3, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, and Lee Miller, State's Attorney James Shockman, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle, Byron Knudsen, Wesley Knudsen, Tayler Albrecht, Isaac VanEnk, David Holweg, Don Johnson with Mayo Construction Cavalier, and Chad Winter with Astech St. Cloud, MN at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. The additions were City of Marion under road business and approve budget meeting minutes for 04-29-22. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath made a motion to approve the April 19 regular meeting minutes and April 29 budget meeting minutes, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Road Superintendent, Josh Loegering, stated two bids came in for the micro surfacing project. Astech Corporation provided the 5% bid bond, signature, current license, and bid \$2,157,354.28. Mayo Construction Company provided the 5% bid bond, signature, current license, and bid \$2,309,962.85. The project consists of 18.8 miles on CR 66 between CR 34 to CR 35, the Lake LaMoure Road from ND Highway 13 to the county line, and the Litchville Road from CR 35 to ND Highway 46. This project will be similar to what was done on the ND Highway 281 which was one layer. The county project will have two layers. It will cost \$111,000 per mile to do the project.

The county has put in a few culverts. They have started blading township roads but are about a month behind. The gravel has washed off some roads.

David Holweg, Mayor with the City of Marion, attended the meeting to talk about Boom Lake and the issues the city is having with flooding. Two years ago, they had an emergency drain approved for six months through the state and the local water board. They were able to extend it by six additional months and planned to get a permanent drain installed but it wasn't accomplished. They would like to apply again for an emergency drain but are getting some resistance from landowners. The cemetery is also in city limits and is in danger of filling with water. The sewer system is also being taxed. The city had ten inches of rain last summer in a storm and the rain keeps coming. Boom Lake went up a foot over the weekend with the new rain. They will have to close the road west of town soon. The city is wondering if the county can do anything about the resistance from the landowners. The county will help in any way they can and understand the problem. Josh Loegering has some engineers working on options for the water to drain. Kimberly Robbins is helping all she can. The city will have to use their legal counsel to help them through the process of another emergency drain or building a dike. A permanent drain is what they hope to accomplish. David said they appreciate Josh's crew and help.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, gave her presentation. Governor Doug Burgum has declared a Statewide Emergency for North Dakota. There has been flooding and utility infrastructure damage caused by the winter storm and events from April 22nd. LaMoure County confirmed damages must exceed \$16,781 which is a per capita threshold. There have been at least 4.90 inches of rain in the month of April. There are variable reports of 2.60 to just under 4 inches received from the April 29-30 rain event. The James River is currently at 12.60 feet at LaMoure. Minor flood stage is at 14 feet. The James River should crest tomorrow afternoon. The National Weather Service is lowering the crest but the flood warning will remain in place. It has been determined the county has \$20,000 in damage and would need a Flood Emergency Declaration to get assistance from FEMA. FEMA has changed its guidelines so pictures need to be provided for any site. A gage will be requested for Boom Lake and Twin Lake. Comm Miller made a motion for a Flood Emergency Declaration to be put in place for LaMoure County, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

**LaMoure County, North Dakota
FLOOD EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, LaMoure County has sustained damages to roads, culverts, farmlands, homes and other public facilities from the significantly saturated soils and river flooding, small creek flooding and overland flooding due to the severe storms that inundated eastern North Dakota;

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property;

WHEREAS, the impact of these potential and sustained damages may threaten the health, well-being, and public safety of the citizens of LaMoure County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of cleanup, repair and replacement of such damages is in excess of normal anticipation and budgeted funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of LaMoure County, North Dakota, declares a state of emergency exists and orders the activation and utilization of the LaMoure County Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, alleviate hardship, and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impacts of this emergency upon the citizens of LaMoure County, North Dakota.

DATED at LaMoure, North Dakota this 3rd day of May, 2022.

The LaMoure County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will be meeting May 5th at 7:30 a.m. The agenda: Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop, FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program is due May 20th, First Responder Resiliency information, and HPAI response.

The Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in LaMoure County has remained the same at three cases. HPAI has been confirmed in approximately 166,950 commercial/backyard flocks in ND; 1.6 million in South Dakota; and 2.7 million in Minnesota.

Lynn Lambrecht with i3G Media attended the April 5th commissioner meeting. She requested a study on the county tower to determine the capacity of the tower as they are interested in leasing space. The cost of the study is \$850 which will be paid by i3G. The study conducted by Great Plains Tower indicates with no antennas or lines, the tower fails at 157% tower rating. Currently, the tower is over 200% capacity with a local black box repeater for Fire/EMS and a commercial vendor. All parties involved will be contacted with this information. State's Attorney, James Shockman, recommended all parties sign an additional lease that is based on the information from the study.

NDSU Extension Agent, Julianne Racine, gave her first quarter report. LaMoure and Dickey County annually hold the Producing for Profit. This year it was held in Edgeley. It was a great day with terrific speakers. Tim Petry, NDSU Livestock Economist, gave his livestock market outlook. Bryon Parman, NDSU Extension Ag Finance Specialist, spoke about inflation, employment, lack of employees, and the rising cost of fertilizer. Karl Hoppe, NDSU Livestock Systems Specialists, covered calving. David Kramar, NDSU Precision Agriculture, discussed the geospatial industry. Breana Kiser, NDSU Extension Agent, ANR, Dickey County, talked about flooding, preparing for such, and forecasts for this spring.

The LaMoure County Township Officers Annual meeting and banquet was very well attended (36). Julianne spoke at the Soil Conversation annual awards dinner. She also taught succession planning.

Comm Flath gave an update on the Public Health building. The ad is out for the architect/engineer services to work with the county in design through construction administration for a new Public Health and Human Services building. This is a six-week period of taking bids.

Auditor Hamlin brought up the Farm-To-Market levy that will expire in 2024. The county currently levies a total of 20 mills for the highway department. Ten mills are levied by Farm-To-Market and the other ten are levied by Road & Bridge. The current ten mills levied by Farm-To-Market will be expiring in 2024 and will be on the June 2022 ballot.

Break 10:19 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The Memorial Park Board meeting was called to order by Park Board Chairman Lee Miller at approximately 10:30 a.m. Park Board members present were: Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Billi Warcken, Sonya Albertson, and Curwood Seefeldt. The first item of discussion was the seasonal camping sites. Bruce Klein made a motion to adopt the policy manual that there will be no subletting

your seasonal spot and you need to provide your camper license plate number before parking a camper at your assigned site, seconded by Sonya Albertson. All voting aye motion carried.

Jason Weigel gave a bathhouse update. Jason Mathern has started the work. The inside has been gutted, the cement was cut and new drains installed, plumbing, and electrical are done. The inside work will be done first so it is ready before the camping season. Then he will work on the outside. The cement on the outside of the bathhouse is in bad shape so the board would like to see an estimate of how much it would cost to replace.

Ottertail and Dakota Valley are at the park today to discuss getting more power to the park.

There was a discussion on getting a water softener for the bathhouse. Curwood received a quote from High Plains Water out of Valley City. It was for \$4,975. This doesn't include any plumbing or installation. Curwood will get a quote from Dakota Valley. The board decided to go with the best estimate, service, and supply.

Chairman Miller asked if anyone would be interested in being the secretary of the park board. The duties would include creating the agenda, minutes, contacting members of meeting dates, and sending out letters. Billi Warcken accepted the position.

The park board meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

The commissioner meeting reconvened.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALBERTSON/SONYA	10.53
ARNDT/TRICIA	120.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	87.23
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	284.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	66.68
BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	588.13
BUILDERS MART	78.00
CANAD INNS DESTINATION CENTRE	279.20
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	320.81
CITY OF KULM	74.86
COLE PAPERS INC	303.63
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,366.98
CONTROL SOLUTIONS INC	64.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,433.11
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	100.00
DUFFY/JAKKIA	307.98
ELECTRO WATCHMAN INC	212.50
GOOD OIL COMPANY	11,463.23
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	2,421.93
HENRY SCHEIN	652.81
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	522.13
IHLI'S REPAIR & HARDWARE	170.00
JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	46.50
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	4,065.41
KULM GROCERY	69.71
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	31.97
KULM MESSENGER	151.60
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	604.00
LAMOURE CITY	161.14
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	17.73
LAMOURE HARDWARE	411.86
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,655.69
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	1,009.50
LEAF	120.40
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	298.12
LYCOX ENTERPRISE INC	18,190.00
MAC'S HARDWARE	96.58
MAERTENS WELDING AND MACHINE COMPANY	1,436.20

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY	555.84
NDSU DEPT 3110	228.75
NELSON INTERNATIONAL	79,922.00
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	10,000.00
RACINE/JULIANNE	253.89
RIDDLE/JAMES	16.35
ROAD EQUIPMENT PARTS CENTER	1,166.00
SANDNESS/SHANNON	59.09
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS	1,401.60
SEEFELDT/CURWOOD	10.53
SERVICE MASTER	308.70
SIGN SOLUTIONS	4,891.04
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	49.78
SUN CONTROL & DECORATIVE FILMS	4,879.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	12,240.00
ULMER/AL	123.38
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	17.55
VERIZON WIRELESS	956.45
WARCKEN/BILLI	217.54
WEBER/SARAH	20.00

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor