

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER
MEETING-June 2, 2020**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 2, 2020 with Chairman Keith Heidinger, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Tax Director Denice Porter, 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, acting Secretary Shanel Bohnenstingl, DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Chairman Heidinger called the meeting to order at approximately 8:34 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Additions to the agenda included bridge marking, new hire introduction with the Extension office, and Vanguard. Comm Klein moved to approve the agenda with its additions, seconded by Comm Schulz. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger asked if the minutes were okay for the May 19 meeting. Comm Miller moved to approved the May 19 minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. He reported he is still waiting on four townships to submit their documentation of Gas Tax maps. The department is almost done with crack sealing for City of LaMoure. Once completed, they will be moving on to CR 60 just south of ND 13, leveling the road up to the lake since there has been a lot of traffic on it and sealing the rest. A bore permit was received from Barnes County Rural Water to bore under a county highway in order for a private residence to receive rural water. Comm Schulz moved to approve the permit, seconded by Comm Flath. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried. Loegering stated that the latest culvert installations have been large county crossings. Diamond Lake has larger culverts further south than they should be and not at the right elevation which is allowing water to run north around a farmstead. The crew is planning to fix it early next week. Then they will work on a large ditch project in Litchville township in order to keep that section of the road from taking on water. Work continues on fixing cracks and holes in abutments of several bridges. Signs will be put up for rough road areas. Shoulder pull work between CR 60 and ND 1 will begin soon. The rural road going to Alfred needs gravel and straightening along with CR 63 between ND 13 and CR 34. CR 62 overlay project is expected to begin in early July. Comm Klein asked if the additive effect was affective, and it was except in high clay areas where more gravel would need to be hauled in. They are holding off hauling gravel at this time. A 100-foot spot, depending on materials, costs between \$300-500, the cost of the liquid for a 100-foot spot is around \$200.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave her information via teleconference. There is an agreement from the ND Office of Management and Budget which instructs the county to submit expenses to FEMA for reimbursement and any remaining expenses can then be submitted for reimbursement from the CARES Act. Comm Miller motioned to approve and sign the CARES Act Relief Fund Eligibility Certification agreement, seconded by Comm Schulz. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried. Update on DR4444 Spring 2019 flooding-townships should have their funds for completed work and for incomplete work documentation can be turned in at any time. DR4475 Fall 2019 flooding-all project worksheets have been submitted to the State, just waiting on FEMA review and then fund disbursements. Spring 2020 flooding-there are only a few townships that have submitted preliminary damage assessments but currently there is no funding available as there has not been a declaration of disaster signed. There is a positive Covid-19 case reported in Dickey County.

County Agent Julianne Racine introduced Extension Office Assistant for the summer, Torie Jones.

Tax Director Denice Porter explained that Vanguard Appraisals are scheduled to begin June 22nd. After some discussion the consensus of the commission is to continue with the contract with the following amendments; appraisers are only able to 1.) only make two visits for each household, 2.) three days hearings, and 3.) 50 hours instead of 25.

Break 9:30 a.m. to 9:42 a.m.

Auditor Hamlin reported as of June 1st, 1,416 ballots have been sent and 839 returned. The larger ballot drop box arrived and will be installed tomorrow on the east side of the courthouse. Ballots can be returned with a post office date of June 8, 2020 or dropped off until 4pm on June 9, 2020. Hamlin also reported that the county received a Workforce Safety discount of \$1,393.36 and Workforce Safety premium dividend credit of \$5,764.70.

Future commissioner meeting dates were set as follows, August 4th, 18th, September 3rd, 15th October 6th and 20th.

Tax Director Denice Porter presented a list of 32,070 inundated acres applied for in 2020. Applicants have increased from 18 to 23 so far. Comm Klein moved to approve the application/acres, seconded by Comm Miller. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

The Tax Equalization meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Tax Director Denice Porter explained that in order to get to the state mandated 92% for land evaluations and adjustments, agriculture land will need to be increased by 4.5% (\$1,044.46/acre). Last year there was a 2.5% increase (\$1,088.36/acre) which got LaMoure County close to the state requirement of 92%. A 3.36% increase would be 91%, 3.93% increase would be 91.5% and 4.5% increase would be 92%. Comm Klein moved to increase land evaluation by 3.93% seconded by Comm Miller. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried. LaMoure County is at 95.4% for commercial and 100% for residential land evaluations. Comm Flath moved to decrease the value of both commercial and residential land evaluations to 92%, seconded by Comm Schulz. A roll call vote revealed Comm Schulz-yes, Comm Klein-yes, Comm Flath-yes, Comm Miller-no, Comm Heidinger-yes. Motion carried.

Auditor Jan Hamlin said that three bills arrived this morning in the mail to be added to the list of bills to be paid which was given the commissioners yesterday. The bills added are two post office box fees, one for Sheriff and other for the courthouse, each for \$120.00, Memorial Park \$121.50, and Green Iron Equipment for \$72.00. Comm Schulz moved to approve and pay bills, seconded by Comm Klein. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	5.00
BANKNORTH	580.00
CITY OF KULM	74.81
COLE PAPERS INC	1,331.45
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,213.00
D & L CONCRETE	12,950.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	107.94
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	875.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,784.15
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	1,621.81
GOOD OIL COMPANY	68.02
GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT	72.00
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE	239.21
K.P. SHOCKMAN TREE MOVING	300.00
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	83.88
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	2,301.14
LAMOURE CITY	97.31
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	8.47
LAMOURE HARDWARE	1,452.59
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,442.30
LAMOURE POSTMASTER	240.00
LEAF	121.00
M & W DRILLING, INC.	2,300.00
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	317.46
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH	375.41
MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS INC	162.50
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY	1,041.02
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	65.00
NDACS	50.00
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER CENTER	2,592.14
PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY	211.13
PRASKA'S HARDWARE HANK	49.99
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
RACINE/JULIANNE	246.68
SCHMOKER/MICHAEL	104.65
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,567.50
STEPP MFG	2,950.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	237.50
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	315.34
TEMPARMOUR REFRIGERATION	7,098.00

TRUENORTH STEEL	15,972.48
VERIZON WIRELESS	163.77
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	1,645.52
WEX BANK	549.77
813 SALES, LLC	19.60

There have been three applicants for the Deputy Auditor/Treasurer position, they will be reviewed next week.

It has been requested there be a park board meeting at the next commissioner meeting on Tuesday, June 16.

There being no further business, Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF JUNE, 2020

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor