

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
April 20, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 20, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, State's Attorney James Shockman, 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. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Miller asked for additions to the agenda. Comm Flath added NRCS updated agreement for cost share amount to EWP at Memorial Park. Comm Heidinger added Museum Board Member and MOU with South Country Human Service. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the April 6th minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, gave his report. Loegering has hired two full time employees for the LaMoure Shop. Reece Klein will be starting April 26 and Dana Ellingson will be starting May 3. Loegering presented five utility boring permits for Dakota Valley Electric. He did recommend approval for all five. He explained they will be on CR 163 and CR 34. The fee for a boring permit is \$25 each. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the boring permits for Dakota Valley Electric, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. A new motor will be installed tomorrow on the crusher which will cost approximate \$1,900 plus labor to fix. Loegering has purchased two 2021 skid steers for \$10,500. The old skid steers had good trade-in values. The Quast bridge northwest of Grand Rapids has been repaired. All the documentation has been sent to the State, and the Alert Code 3 will be lifted. One focus of Loegering's this summer is installing all the object markers for box culverts and bridges. He plans to start with Bluebird Township tomorrow. The markers are not flexible. We have to follow the state requirement by using the 36" by 10" black and yellow signs. Josh will have the crew start culvert work tomorrow. The county will have to advertise for proposals for the Bridge Bundling Project. We have to advertise for the construction engineering, get proposal, and interviews. The proposals are due May 10th. Loegering would like one or two commissioners on the selection committee. The crew will install new solar powered stop sign flashing beacons, one at CR34/CR62, one at CR 35/CR 61, and two at CR34/CR 60. The cost is \$150. Loegering also said the blades have been busy.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, gave a COVID report. LaMoure County has had 478 total positive cases. As of April 14, 2021, there are five active cases in the county. There have been 17 confirmed deaths "due to covid" in the county. The safety guidelines remain the same to social distance 6 ft., mask, wash hands, avoid large gatherings and follow direction from the ND Department of Health and CDC for best practices. Testing for COVID is still offered in the office every Thursday. Rapid tests are offered by appointment during office hours. The testing has slowed significantly but has recently increased. There has been over 2700 first and second doses given. 47.4% of LaMoure County has had a least one dose of the COVID vaccine (all ages). Approximately 65% of those 65 and older have been vaccinated. Call 883-5356 for an appointment. To minimize interruption of business and increase vaccination rates, county health nurses are willing to go to places of business, if invited, to vaccinate staff looking to be vaccinated. New quarantine guidelines state, if someone is two weeks post FULL vaccination they are not required to quarantine if exposed to COVID unless they develop symptoms.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented on Severe Summer Weather Awareness Week. It is April 26 through April 30. The week focuses on the education and dangers of summer weather to include tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightening, heat and wind. The SKYWARN classes have been offered virtually with two remaining evening classes on April 22nd and April 27th. You must register online for the 90-minute online class. This year there will not be a statewide tornado drill. LaMoure County will have their annual outdoor warning siren test the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. from April to November. The county will conduct the longer three-minute test and individual siren activation on May 5th.

On the Way Bait Inc. applied for a Beer, Liquor, and Sunday opening off sale license. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Comm Flath gave a report on the Grand Rapids Streambank Project by the museum. It's a revision to our original application to include more federal dollars due to the increase in cost for the project. The quotes came in higher than the original estimate. The county will need to sign a revised application for

funding. Comm Flath made a motion to agree to the revised and amended application at a lower cost share amount for the Memorial Park Streambank, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Comm Heidinger said he met with the museum board last week. They have a vacancy and recommend Christine Hatton be appointed to the board. She is willing to be on the board. Comm Heidinger made a motion to appoint Christine Hatton to the museum board, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried. The museum is doing some cleanup work to be open by Memorial Day weekend. They adopted a new constitution, which was reviewed and approved by our State's Attorney. Comm Klein stated that Kimberly Robbins is working on a grant for additional cameras at the park, Comm Heidinger will visit with her to see if there is room in the grant for the museum as well.

Comm Heidinger wanted to bring up the Memorandum of Understanding between LaMoure County and South Country Human Service Zone. Comm Heidinger made a motion to sign the MOU with South Country Human Service for a county vehicle provision, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Caroline Homan, NDSU Extension Agent 4-H & Youth Development, reported the 4-H world has successfully completed their virtual Winter Workshops. There were eight workshops. Caring adult volunteers helped youth explore their sparks, highlighted future career possibilities and ideas for turning 4-H work into service-learning projects and future areas of project study. Caroline was in the schools for On the Move to Better Health. She taught 2nd and 5th grade students. The curriculum aims to improve the variety of healthy food options for children to consume, especially the number of fruits and vegetables they consume. It also aims to improve fitness habits. Teachers reported that every challenge was met by the students. Caroline served on the committee for Leadership Awareness Weekend. There were twenty-two participants across North Dakota who met on Zoom over two evenings to learn how a bill becomes a law in North Dakota and to better understand political identification. Caroline hosted the South-Central District 4-H Archery Tournament as a postal match this year. Youth shot in their home counties under coach supervision and mailed in their scorecards. 324 archers participated in the match across 27 counties. Several LaMoure County youth participants went to state and one is going to nationals in June.

Julianne Racine, NDSU Extension Agent Agriculture & Natural Resources, reported this was a big year for pesticide training. LaMoure County had 107 applicators expire in 2021. Julianne worked with Breana Kiser, Dickey County ANR Agent, to develop the training program and also to deliver program content. Kevin Coufal, Agriculture Program Inspector, ND Department of Agriculture, was able to attend all of the trainings and provided producers with state level pesticide updates. On March 10, Julianne along with Breana Kiser held their 4th annual Producing for Profit. The speakers were fantastic and included Drs. Frayne Olson, Dave Ripplinger, and Joe Ikely. Bryon Parmon who instructs farm ag economics was unable to attend but is willing to come at a later date. One of the major takeaways from this year's program is "the importance of weed control and what some options are." Julianne went to a grain bin safety in service training which has given her some helpful tools and resources to hold programs on her own. Julianne recommends and will test water quality in stock ponds by request.

Break 9:36 a.m. to 9:46 a.m.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	651.00
AT&T MOBILITY	61.81
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	10,828.73
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	3,510.20
CAROW/RAYMOND	900.00
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,610.13
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	27.96
COLE PAPERS INC	201.15
COMPUTER EXPRESS	4,119.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	77.51
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	117.20
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
EDWARDS/JAMIE N	900.00
ESCOSUPPLY	5,429.40
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK / VISA	708.49
HEIDINGER/KEITH	635.52
HOMAN/CAROLINE	201.60

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,288.60
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	484.52
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	464.26
JZP CONSTRUCTION LLC	6,295.70
KLEIN/BRUCE	415.12
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	42.32
LACINA/ANDREW J	1,200.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	8.31
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	11.99
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	264.00
MAC'S HARDWARE	247.98
MARCIA YOUNG REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	900.00
MILLER/LEE	662.40
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	46.77
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	11.50
ND SAFETY COUNCIL	610.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	10,226.03
NELSON/STEVEN C.	2,100.00
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	1,495.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	519.78
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	176.90
SERVICE MASTER	179.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,471.32
TRUENORTH STEEL	49,200.20
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	442.09
WALKER/DELIA	45.00
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	212.95
WASTE MANAGEMENT	188.40
WEIGEL/JASON	244.80
YOUNG FAMILY TRUST	900.00
3D SPECIALTIES	10,665.00

There will be a Park Board meeting April 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the park.

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF MAY, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor