

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
June 19, 2016**

At 8:30 a.m. Vice Chairman Lee Miller called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Keith Heidinger, Bruce Klein and Robert Flath were also present. Chairman Victor Weigel was not present. Attending the meeting were Lauren Worrel, LaMoure County Highway Department; Marlene White, LaMoure County Auditor; Tonya Duffy, States Attorney; Julianne Racine, County Agent; Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator; Deb Kantrud, South Central Dakota Regional Council; Gerald Harris, LaMoure Chronicle; Bridget Henderson, The Edgeley Mail.

Vice Chmn Miller asked for additions to the agenda. NDACo Delegate, LaMoure Chamber Picnic, State Fire & Tornado Renewal, 5-County Meeting, Strange Phone Call, and Memorial Park were added. Motion to accept the additions and approve the agenda by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Lauren Worrel reported that road crews are on their 4th and 5th rounds of road grading, pulling shoulders and graveling Co Rd 64 between Co Rds 34&35, crushing chips in Seefeldt's pit, hauling rock from LaMoure Lake to the county pit, and hauling chips to staging areas for chip seal.

Worrel told the Commissioners that Bargain Inc has been leveling cracks on Co Rd 35 and should finish this week.

Worrel stated that they are starting work on a box culvert north of Verona on 64th St SE next week and should have it set in 3 weeks.

Worrel said that KLJ is putting together a punch list for Co Rd 64 for what has been fixed.

Worrel also reported that he and Comm Klein attended a meeting of the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) in Barnes County. LaMoure County does belong to this Alliance which eliminates the bidding process that the counties have to go through. This is a government agency which has compiled a list of bids which are done on a national level. You go to the site and check the list for what you are interested in and see what the bids are. Nationwide bids are listed for you to compare. The State is also looking at going with this. Worrel stated that this could also assist in the budget process. Comm Klein pointed out the amount of time and advertising it would save. Worrel would just have to spec out what he is looking for, go to the site and find what bids are listed. There are several businesses who have participated in this bidding process. Worrel and Comm Klein said that you could get the bid amount and take it to the local distributor to see if they can match the price.

Vice Chmn Miller asked about some work that had been done on the Adrian Rd, and Worrel told him that they did a diamond grind on that road which makes the job complete. Worrel stated that Co Rd 35 & Marion has been completed as well.

County Auditor Marlene White told the Commissioners that it was time to appoint a delegate for the North Dakota Association of Counties. Motion to appoint Lee Miller as the LaMoure County Delegate to the NDACO State Convention by Comm Flath, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Kimberly Robbins, DES/911 Coordinator, told the Commissioners that the Verona Repeater must be relocated. Robbins explained that the repeater is what notifies the 1st responders of an emergency and repeats signals to the pagers. Robbins stated that there was an agreement signed in 2007 between LaMoure County and the James Valley Grain Elevator in Verona, and she wondered if it was still in effect since there has been a new elevator built. States Attorney, Tonya Duffy said the contract is still in effect. Robbins will research the cost of getting the repeater reinstalled at the new James Valley Grain Elevator location.

County Agent Julianne Racine gave the Extension Office Quarterly Report for the 2nd Quarter to the Commissioners which included planting research plots; putting bee hives up for pollinator habitat on 20 acres of land owned by Dave & Barb Olson; Student Ag Day in Dickey County; 3D Archery Shoot at James River Sportsman Club; prepping for 4-H Camp and County Camp; assisting with an orchard plan, education & consult in Edgeley; hosting Annual Ag Agent in-service day; attending Range Camp and the Annual Crop Management Workshop; answering questions about household hazardous waste; and attending a local producer field evening ; just to name a few.

Racine also reported on the 4-H Clubs in Caroline Homan's absence. Committees are being formed this year to help in planning and implementing the 4-H events. The LaMoure County 4-H Achievement Days were quite successful with 406 entries for static exhibits this year compared to 238 last year, and 38 premium ribbons were awarded. LaMoure County partnered with Dickey County for the large animal portion of the livestock show this year. Several of our 4-Hers will be exhibiting at the ND State Fair this year. Schools are reaching out to the Extension Service requesting our services to lead a variety of educational components, and we appreciate that. Racine then presented a video for the Commissioners to view that was presented at the Legislative Update which was with Foster & Stutsman Counties, and she stated that she interviewed some people in LaMoure County for this video to see what they thought of the Extension Office. Comm Miller stated that some legislators at the meeting did give a little warning that there may be some budget cuts.

Auditor White stated that she received a letter regarding the LaMoure Chamber Picnic to be held on Monday, August 8 at Sunset Park from 5-6:30pm and asked the Commissioners if they wanted to provide tickets for county employees this year. Comm Heidinger stated that some of the Road Shop employees are still out working at the time and won't be able to participate. White stated that we have had a few attend in the past. Motion to pay for tickets for the LaMoure County employees to attend the LaMoure Chamber Picnic by Comm Klein, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

White told the Commissioners that it was time for the State Fire & Tornado Renewal to go from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017. Discussion was held. Comm Flath stated that in the past the Auditor just reviews it, and the premium that is due just gets presented with the other bills for approval.

Comm Klein told the Commissioners that he and Auditor White attended the 5-County meeting on July 7, 2016 in Oakes. Local legislators Jerry Kelsh and Jim Dotzenrod were present with a lot of concerns, and since then a Special Session has been announced. The legislators informed those at the meeting that the State SAD money is down 27% which was a concern during the last county budget process, gas tax receipts down 13%; General Fund Revenue down; and a lot of issues in Social Services. Comm Klein informed the Commissioners that when the Governor announced the across the board cuts for the State, this also took away some matching Federal funds which have really dealt a blow to the nursing homes and Veterans homes. This is one of the reasons that a Special Session has been announced, and they will have to prioritize some of the cuts. There is money left in the Budget Stabilization Fund. There is \$1.5 million in the Budget Education Fund, but it is hard to get at. Comm Klein reported that there is \$130 million of interest available from the Heritage Fund which is available without a vote from the legislators. There is \$3.7 billion in the Heritage Fund, but it takes a 2/3 majority vote to use. Comm Klein stated that full education funding is going to be a priority. Comm Klein also said that \$60 oil will keep the budgets where they are. The next 5-County meeting will be in LaMoure County on October 6, 2016. White stated that she and Jan Meidinger will be checking into setting up a tour of the new James Valley Grain Elevator in Verona.

Deb Kantrud from the South Central Dakota Regional Council presented a scope of work proposal for creating county zoning in LaMoure County. Kantrud stated that she had discussed this with Gene Buresh who is the Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council executive director in Dickinson, and he has a lot of experience in setting up county zoning. Kantrud stated that a county planning commission would need to be set up with members being appointed by the County Commissioners. Kantrud presented the

proposal which included four meetings which would all be open to the public and one public hearing. Kantrud stated that staff from both regional councils would attend meetings 1-4, and staff from SCDRC would attend the public hearing along with any County Commission meetings as requested. Kantrud stated that McKenzie County is not zoned. Kantrud stated that the County Planning Commission would develop and review a background report, comprehensive plan, and prepare zoning ordinances to be adopted by the County Commission. Buresh would develop the zoning ordinances, and the zoning district map would be developed by a third party. Kantrud would take a look at all of the township zoning in place. Comm Miller asked if the County zoning would supersede the township zoning, and Kantrud stated it would not. Kantrud presented a quote for cost of \$26,000 which would include travel for herself and Buresh, but if more than four meetings and a public hearing the cost would increase. Kantrud informed the Commissioners that you can go to the Health Department website and see a list of who is zoned. After much discussion, Comm Flath suggested that we add it to our information for the budget process and see if the county will be able to afford it. Comm Flath also stated that another \$10,000 should be added for zoning maps which will need to be drawn up. Kantrud informed the Commissioners that Buresh will more than likely retire in a year, and she would like to use his expertise in setting up county zoning in this process.

Break from 9:46-9:55

Comm Flath reported that there will be a preconstruction meeting on August 3, 2016 at 10:00am at Memorial Park in the kitchen, and the contract has been signed with the contractor. Comm Flath stated that they are under contract to have the work completed by October 31, 2016.

Auditor White told the Commissioners about a strange phone call which was received by her office using a local phone number, but was a foreign person. DRN informed Jan that it was a scam.

Public Health meeting held at 10:00am

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INS CO	23.40
BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONS	13,325.00
BROWN& SAENGER	602.59
CENEX FLEETCARD	469.19
CITY OF FARGO, ND	14.00
COLEMAN/HOPE	50.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,439.98
DACOTAH PAPER CO	76.20
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	4,750.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	71.96
DATHE CONSTRUCTION	580.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	111.17
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
DUFFY/TONYA	1,074.30
EDGELEY MAIL	2,456.27
ESCOSUPPLY	1,305.76
FIRST STATE AGENCY INC	475.00
FLATH/ROBERT	150.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK	6.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	242.88
HIWAY SERVICENTER	421.00
IMS INC	66.55
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	803.75

INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	110.95
JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	1,095.40
JOB/CHRISTINA	36.80
KLEIN/BRUCE	342.66
L & S WORREL TRUCKING INC	2,610.00
LAMOURE CITY	258.00
LAMOURE COUNTY 4-H	50.00
LAMOURE HARDWARE	870.92
LAMOURE LOCKERS	43.22
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	350.83
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	554.48
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	1,224.96
LOOMER/DANIEL	30.00
MARCO INC	185.33
MEIDINGER/JAN	21.60
MIDSTATES WIRELESS	2,509.00
MILLER/LEE	212.64
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	34.24
ND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOC	90.00
NDPHA CONFERENCE 2016	300.00
NORTH DAKOTA INSURANCE DEPT	3,553.96
OAKES COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	29.00
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER CENTER	5,963.73
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,029.95
PLCL/JOHNNY B'S TREES AND SERVICE	4,020.00
SKY DANCER HOTEL & CASINO	155.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	427.16
VISA	451.15
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	3,955.71
WASTE MANAGEMENT	71.01
WEIGEL/VICTOR	96.60
WORREL/CINDY	275.86

Bills were reviewed. Motion to pay the bills by Comm Flath, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Future meeting dates were set for August 2 & 16, September 6 & 20, and October 4 & 18.

Motion to adjourn by Comm Heidinger, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:16am.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF August, 2016

LEE MILLER, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

MARLENE WHITE, County Auditor