

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER  
MEETING-May 15, 2018**

At approximately 8:30 a.m. Chairman Bruce Klein called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge to the flag. Commissioners Bob Flath, Keith Heidinger, and Lee Miller were also present. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Tonya Duffy, State's Attorney; Joshua Loegering, County Highway Superintendent; Patty Wood-Bartle, Edgeley Mail; and Gerald Harris, LaMoure Chronicle. Victor Weigel, Commissioner was absent.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm Miller to approve the minutes for the May 3 meeting, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Josh Loegering presented the updates on the Road Department. The first round of blading is mostly complete and they are starting on the second round. The crew is approximately halfway done with crushing chips. The new feeder is running full time. The crew has installed two county road culverts and six township culverts. The fence around the radio tower should be installed this week. They had to order twelve more corners. There are still four townships that have not finished their gas tax maps. Comm Flath received a request from the City of LaMoure for Highway Aid funds for CR 61 through town. The county receives approximately \$5,000 per year per mile in state and federal aid for county paved roads. The CR 61 through town is approximately one mile. There are no other roads in the county that are unique like this one. It will be discussed at budget time. Southeast Water Users is requesting two utility permits. One is for a Jud residence and the other is for a residence on CR 60 to CR 34. They will be underground. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to approve the two utility permits for Southeast Water Users, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Dakota Valley is requesting 13 utility permits for a project on CR 60 from Hwy 13 to CR34 to put lines underground. Loegering would like to hire a full-time foreman for the summer help and then train them in the winter months for future full time openings. A lot of the crew is close to retirement and the highway department could lose several employees at one time. The board recommended he advertise for the position if it is in his budget.

Loegering met with Industrial Builders to get an estimate to repair the "Brunsmann's Bridge". He will work with the NDDOT once he has a cost estimate and if funding is available. The bridge has been signed for "No Trucks". If the bridge is not fixed, it will have to be closed.

The crew has installed the temporary fence around the borrowed site for the box culvert project. Loegering will be meeting with the crane operator this week. The crew finished three miles of CR 63 from Dickey to Adrian last week. They are currently working on the south three miles. Crack sealing will start tomorrow morning.

Loegering informed the board that the county cleared \$16,080 at the equipment auction last week. The money will be put in the equipment fund. Loegering is looking at trying a different type of cutting edge to reduce fuel costs.

Loegering said that he hasn't found anyone for dust control. He also stated that he is waiting to hear back from the state as far as load restrictions coming off.

Mitch Kudrna and Chris Kulesa with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota gave a presentation and proposal on Health Insurance. The proposal would add a single plus dependent plan. Currently the county offers a single or family plan. The county could save approximately \$52,930.52 if they switched from their current plan to this plan which is comparable. The Auditor's office will take a survey to get employee opinions if they are satisfied with the current plan or have interest in researching other options. The Auditor will bring the results back to the board.

A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to sign the Indemnity/Hold Harmless Agreement for the Old Time Tractor Pullers Association for a truck and tractor pull scheduled for June 17, 2018 located on county property, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

NDIRF will hold their Annual Meeting Thursday, May 17, 2018, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Break 9:48 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

The hearing on abatement for Mark Schlenker's property was next. Mark Schlneker and his son Ryan Schlenker were present. Tax Director Denice Porter has reviewed the property and gave her recommendation to the board. Mr. Schlenker's elevator is in poor condition and not being used, therefore it was decided to remove the value. The other bins will have to remain the same. Porter suggested that Schlenker have a survey done. If a survey is filed, a standard abatement would take place. A motion was made by Comm Flath that the county would grant a partial abatement at a reduction of \$40,000 to the Schlenker commercial property. The remaining part of the abatement is rejected. In the event the survey shows otherwise, it will be corrected. Motion seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried on a unanimous yes on roll call vote.

Porter presented the board with the inundated acres. They must be applied for every year along with a current map. The deadline for the application is March 31. Three new landowners were added this year. The total reduction in acreage was \$889,864. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve the inundated acres presented by Porter, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

The bills were reviewed. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to pay the bills presented, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

<b><u>Vendor Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	53.00
ALLIED ENERGY	52.55
BERUBE'S	129.15
BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	62.13
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	2,110.23
CENEX FLEETCARD	569.87
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	351.99
COMPUTER EXPRESS	182.00
CROP MANAGEMENT FIELD SCHOOL	100.00
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	875.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	92.24
DATHE CONSTRUCTION	1,080.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,597.75
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
EDGELEY MAIL	408.88
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	13,682.50
HOMAN/CAROLINE	342.64
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	837.60
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	7.95
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	116.95
KADRMAS LEE & JACKSON INC	7,295.45
KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY, INC.	532.40
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	19.48
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	888.42
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	39.91
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	139.15
LARSON GRAIN CO	196.75
LEWIS/HALEIGH	129.50
MANDAN SPORTING GOODS	1,139.60
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	7.00
ND SAFETY COUNCIL	600.00
NDLTAP	100.00
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	2,047.50
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	296.00
NORTHERN PLAINS SUSTAINABLE AG	50.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	43.11
PANDORA MEDIA INC	2,289.96

PORTER/DENICE	73.74
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	67.45
QUALITY INN	334.80
QUILL CORPORATION	76.63
RACINE/JULIANNE	19.39
RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	167.40
RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	116.00
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC.	362.50
SCHWAAB INC.	91.50
SLEEP INN & SUITES	251.10
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS INC	128.44
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	130.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	616.90
WARCKEN/BILLI	79.75
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	316.60
WASTE MANAGEMENT	73.88

Hamlin updated the board on the election progress. The Auditor's office has mailed out 763 ballots as of yesterday. Hamlin also let the board know that a Kulm resident inquired about who owned some land in the City of Kulm. The Recorder's office found an Auditor's Tax Deed dated back to December 1955 that the county owned which is S1/2 of Lot Four (4) Block Four (4) Stolts Addition, Kulm, ND. There was never a parcel number assigned to this piece of property. An individual would like to purchase the property from the county. State's Attorney Tonya Duffy will research and let the board know how to proceed.

The Verizon cell phone for the Memorial Park Manger will be here on Wednesday.

Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2018

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BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

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JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor