

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER
MEETING- February 18, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Thursday, February 18, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, and Auditor Jan Hamlin at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Absent were Comm Keith Heidinger, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, and State's Attorney James Shockman. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Miller asked for any additions to the agenda. There were no additions. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the February 2nd minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Comm Klein made a motion to appoint Comm Heidinger to the South Country Human Service Zone Board, which is a three-year term, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

The director of the South Country Human Services requested we table the MOU for a vehicle.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, presented the Covid-19 statistics. She said that we had our EOC meeting yesterday. Jessica Duffy isn't available today so Kimberly will present the Covid-19 statistics. LaMoure County Public Health has essentially completed vaccinations on Phase 1A: healthcare workers in direct contact with Covid-19, first responders, and long-term care residents and staff. LaMoure County has moved to Phase 1B. They are vaccinating persons age 75 and older, persons age 65-74 with two or more high-risk medical conditions, staff and persons living in other congregate settings, persons age 65 and older with one or more high-risk medical conditions, persons age 65 and older with or without high-risk medical conditions. Anyone 65 and older who hasn't received a vaccination should call LaMoure County Public Health at 883-5356 and get on the list to reserve a dose. After this group has been vaccinated, they will continue on Phase 1B which are persons with two or more medical conditions regardless of age, childcare workers, and school employees. The plan is to get to school employees by March. LaMoure County has given over 1,000 vaccines as of February 17, 2021, 18.6% one dose coverage rate and 6.3% two dose coverage rates. We need to emphasize that if you are 65 or older please call 883-5356 to get on the list.

NDSU County Agent, Julianne Racine, introduced Torie Jones who has been hired as the new full-time support staff. Her official start date is February 22, 2021. Julianne also said that they have boxes around the county for nominating a county representative to the Corn and Wheat Commodity Council. The locations of the boxes are Jud Bar, Kulm Hardware Store, Edgeley Cenex, Verona gas station, LaMoure Hardware Store, and Marion PGA Agronomy. The boxes will be picked up on February 22, 2021.

Comm Klein said that the Garrison Diversion Matching Grant Program is a semi-annual grant for spring and fall. It is for recreation. The spring deadline is April 1st. Any member county that participates with Garrison is eligible for the 25% grant.

Clerk of Court, Billi Warcken, reported that LaMoure County was awarded the Court Facilities Improvement Grant for two webcams, a laptop, a colored copier/printer, and ink. They will pay 75% and the county share will be 25%.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, and Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, joined the meeting for the abatement hearing.

Chairman Miller opened up the Abatement hearing for Bobby Frauenberg at 9:15 a.m. Mr. Frauenberg was present. It is for a parcel in the SW ¼ of 8-133-60 containing 4.5 acers. The parcel number is 08-0803360. The property address is 10305 74th St SE, LaMoure, ND. The tax year requested is 2020. The request is that the house and shop be treated as farm exempt. Ryan Township recommended to the board of county commissioners that the application be granted if you so wish. Comm Klein made a motion to reject the application for abatement since the residence is not exempt if it is located on a tract or contiguous tract of agricultural land, whether owned or rented, containing less than 10 acres, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	264.00
ALBER/LAUREL	28.00
ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY	226.30
ALLIED ENERGY	645.97
AT&T MOBILITY	61.72
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	184.90
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	1,899.82
BURLEIGH-MORTON DETENTION CENTER	150.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	4,868.52
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,499.28
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	821.06
CITY VIEW FUEL	271.95
COLE PAPERS INC	495.94
COMPUTER EXPRESS	5,410.99
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	2,424.65
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	125.09
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	125.78
EDGELEY MAIL	146.26
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
FRONTIER PRECISION INC	1,650.00
GRAHAM TIRE ABERDEEN	2,951.56
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE	8.59
HEIDINGER/KEITH	148.16
HENRY SCHEIN	268.67
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,281.85
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	21.29
IWORQ	3,000.00
JOHNSON MFG INC	7.00
KLEIN/BRUCE	210.08
KULM SERVICE	116.10
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,003.98
LAMOURE CITY	180.31
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	74.36
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	155.79
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	380.00
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	201.30
MAC'S HARDWARE	45.29
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC NW 7128	137.11
MILLER/LEE	364.96
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	55.59
NARDINI	1,878.50
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	7.00
ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION	1,650.00
ND RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
NELSON INTERNATIONAL	758.08
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	247.84
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER CENTER	16.80
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	1,125.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,907.35
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	553.05
QUILL CORPORATION	34.98
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS INC	172.68
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	3,525.00
UNITED PRINTING	1,381.95
US POSTAL SERVICE	76.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	413.09
WALKER/DELIA	45.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	188.40
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	21.80
WEIGEL/JASON	244.80
WEX BANK	32.98
ZACK'S REPAIR, INC	832.52

Break 9:28 a.m. to 9:57 a.m.

The Memorial Park Board quarterly meeting was called to order by Park Board Chairman Lee Miller at approximately 9:57 a.m. Park Board members present were: Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Billi Warcken, Sonya Albertson, and Curwood Seefeldt. Park Supervisor, Kevin Shockman, and Terri Potts were in attendance via teleconference.

Kevin started the meeting with discussion on wages and additional summer employees. He said that the workload is increasing and he would like to see a 10% salary increase for all returning summer employees. He said revenue increased by 50% last year. It was decided to contact HR Director, Tanya Wieler, and have her do some research on wages for the park. Kevin will be in contact with last year's seasonal employees and find out who is returning. An ad will be placed in the paper at the end of March for summer help.

Kevin said that the park equipment is good except for the 4-wheeler. It needs to be replaced. Bruce Klein will check into a 4-wheeler.

The next item was the well and water situation. The new well was high in arsenic last fall. It will be retested this spring. The pump and water lines are available for the new well site if the board goes ahead with hooking it up. The current well is very rusty. The rust will have to be taken care of if the new well doesn't work.

Kevin requested a cell phone. Auditor Hamlin said there is a phone for him at her office.

Kevin said that the campers are getting bigger and some are leaving trailers all season. This is taking up some room. He will keep an eye on this over the summer. There was discussion on the increase in electricity and garbage. There are currently 32 seasonal spots with eight to ten on the waiting list. The 32 seasonal will remain the same for the 2021 season. Billi said that only 29 paid last year. Curwood said that pedestals will remain locked until the seasonal fee has been paid for the year. Sonya Albertson made a motion to increase the seasonal fee from \$700.00 to \$800.00 and leave all other park rates at the 2020 rates, seconded by Curwood Seefeldt. Motion carried. Auditor Hamlin said that someone requested the house for ten days and was wondering if the board would consider a discount rate. The board decided that there would not be a break in the rate.

Sonya gave an update on repairing the campground bath house. She talked with Builders Mart and they will leave the outside walls and windows, gut the inside and remodel it using waterproof panels and metal stalls. The estimate was \$29,431.63. Dakota Valley gave an estimate of \$5,748.72 for toilets, sinks, and accessories which doesn't include labor or mileage. The estimates from Builders Mart and Dakota Valley Electric do not include new windows or exterior doors, flooring or light fixtures. Menards had a large range of prices on items depending on what you want. It is going to take at least \$50,000 for a repair/remodel. The board thought that an estimate for a new building should be researched also. Kevin and Sonya will continue to research a remodel and new build on the bath house.

Billi said that there are 109 t-shirts left from the centennial. The board would like to donate them to an organization that could use them. Curwood would like them to go to the Orphan Grain Train.

Billi talked with Dakota Playground about some new playground equipment. Billi said \$4,925.00 is currently earmarked for it. There are free standing pieces or whole units. Currently the park has three slides, a swing set, a merry go round, sandbox, and a gaga pit. It was decided to go with a couple free standing pieces to reach a couple different age groups. The board would like to use \$20,000.00 from the budget, the \$4,925.00 that is earmarked, apply for the Garrison Diversion grant (\$5,000.00) and maybe do a fundraiser.

The storm shelter was put on hold last year due to Covid but could happen this summer or next summer. The size is 53X12X7 and has a capacity of 100. It will be handicap accessible and placed south of the concession stand.

The park house needs shingle project. Bruce Klein contacted Ron Paul last fall and has an estimate.

The last item discussed was if the auditorium could be used for concerts. Bruce Klein will talk with the county insurance company. The board needs to investigate the deteriorating condition of the concrete supporting the pillars in the auditorium.

The Memorial Park Board meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

The commissioner meeting reconvened.

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF MARCH, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor