

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER
MEETING-June 19, 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, Victor Weigel, and Lee Miller were also present. Also attending were Jan Hamlin, Auditor; Joshua Loegering, County Highway Superintendent; Cindy Worrel, Treasurer; Denice Porter, Tax Director; Luanne Slykerman, Tax Office; Patty Wood-Bartle and Taylor Mathern, Edgeley Mail; and Gerald Harris, LaMoure Chronicle. Absent was Tonya Duffy, State's Attorney.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. The addition to the agenda was Josh Loegering, Road Department. A motion was made by Keith Heidinger to approve the agenda and the addition, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve the minutes for the June 5, 2018 meeting after the correction of removing the crack sealing sentence, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Josh Loegering reported road activities to the board. The second round of blading is complete in some townships and they are starting on the third. Other townships are finishing their third rounds. The CR 35 shoulder pull project is well underway with two lifts of gravel complete on approximately half of the project. Once it is finished they will start working on township shoulder pull projects. A third lift of gravel will be added once the first two lifts have had time to setup. Josh interviewed two candidates for a new fulltime/seasonal position. Both were very qualified. Jeremiah Deitz was hired and will start July 9, 2018.

Josh informed the board that NDDOT will be submitting a grant for Federal funding for all counties in North Dakota to replace bridges. The county would be responsible for 20% of the cost if approved. There were four bridges in LaMoure County to consider. The Dickey park bridge would not qualify since it is a historical bridge. Three bridges to consider are the Heinrich, Quast, and Brunsman. Our local share if approved would be \$612,000 for all three. NDDOT would need a letter of support by tomorrow. Nothing would be set in stone until the grant has been awarded to the DOT and preliminary engineering has started. We can pull out if things change for the county. Josh would like to spread out the cost over his next three year budget cycles. A motion was made by Comm Flath to approve the letter of support for the ABC Build Grant for the three bridges, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. Josh has the letter of support ready to go and Chairman Klein will need to sign it. A Notice for Bids for the bridge two miles east and one mile north of Edgeley will be published in the paper June 27 and the bid opening will be July 7. The county will remove the wood deck and the purchaser will be responsible for the rest of the costs. There will be stipulations that it will not be allowed to be placed on any township road. The bridge south of Jud could possibly be replaced with a prefab modular bridge for \$40,000. It is a much quicker installation than a box culvert. The county could have it installed in less than a week. This bridge will be discussed at the next meeting.

The crew has finished crack sealing and leveling the north end of CR 60. Currently they are crack sealing on CR 66 north of Hwy 13 and crack leveling CR 34 east of Grand Rapids. They will not finish CR 34. They are able to only do ten miles a year.

The 2011 M2 blade was traded in for a 2018 Caterpillar M3 blade and it was delivered last week.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave the board an update on the Fire Emergency and Burn Ban. LaMoure County has not been in the high, very high, or extreme category for the month of June. Approximately half of LaMoure County has been removed from the drought monitor. The eastern half of the county is currently in D0-abnormally dry conditions. The board decided not to rescind the Fire Emergency and Burn Ban. It will be reviewed again later.

LaMoure County has for the last seven years been the coordinating agency for LaMoure, Kulm, and Edgeley Ambulance Services Rural EMS Assistance Grant. The 2018-2019 Rural EMS Assistance Grant has been short and the grant guidance has changed several times. The funding area was to receive \$59,378.53 to divide among the services, however, the State changed the grant to award CVEMS of LaMoure \$29,097.52 and Edgeley Ambulance and Kulm Ambulance Corp were to split \$30,281.01. The North Dakota Department of Health is in charge of the grant.

The next item of discussion was the North Dakota State Radio proposed increase. North Dakota State Radio announced at a conference call on Monday, June 11th of an intent to increase the per line fee from \$0.46 to \$0.84 effective July 1, 2019. A minimum increase to \$1.39 is then planned for July 1, 2021. There was a \$0.07 increase from 2011-2017 and \$0.38 increase from 2017-2019. State Radio states calls have increased yet they can only compare 2 1/2 years of data due to changes in the computer system. There are concerns about how local government will budget for this. The board asked Robbins to draft a letter to request State Radio's budget for the past six years as well as the proposed budget for 2019. The board would also like to request the data of calls for LaMoure County. They would like to know why such a large increase would be necessary.

The board reviewed the Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc. contract for computer services for the years 2019 thru 2021. The board would like to know what a one year contract would cost and have the State's Attorney review the contract before signing.

Auditor Jan Hamlin gave an election update. The Canvass board met yesterday and the results are now official. They are available on the Secretary of State website. A copy of the results can also be seen at the Auditor's Office. There were 766 vote by mail, 266 votes at the LaMoure Civic Center, 271 votes at the Edgeley Armory, and 20 votes counted by the Canvass Board at the Canvass Board meeting for a total of 1,323 votes.

Break 9:37 a.m. to 9:47 a.m.

The Abatement Hearing for Justin Klein and Steve Lippert (LaMoure Lanes) started at 10:00 a.m. Mindy Smith was present to represent Justin Klein. Tax Director Denice Porter and Assessor Luanne Slykerman were there to answer questions. Porter stated that they assessed the Klein property and added a room, added 910 square feet of in floor heating, and decreased the storage in the garage. It raised the value \$2,300. It brought the total True and Full value to \$122,945. Mindy requested the City of LaMoure recommendation. It was a 5% across the board decrease in addition to any other discrepancy when the county comes to reassess. Mindy is asking for the 5% decrease. A motion was made by Comm Flath to reduce the Klein residence 5%, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Roll call vote Miller no Weigel no Heidinger no Flath yes Klein no. Motion failed.

The City of LaMoure had recommended a 20% function decrease or a \$9,600 valuation for LaMoure Lanes. Porter stated that a 20% functional obsolescence was given to LaMoure Lanes after the May 11, 2018 reassessment for the abatement process. At that time, the building value was decreased from \$47,900 to \$38,300 for a total of \$9,600. Currently LaMoure Lanes True and Full value on this parcel number is \$50,300 which includes the land. Going forward, with the county commissioner decision to reduce land and buildings, LaMoure Lanes total assessment value for the 2018-19 tax year will be \$35,900. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to decline the LaMoure Lanes abatement, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried. A motion was made by Comm Miller to reject the Klein abatement, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carries by majority vote.

A motion was made by Comm Miller to add Verizon to the list of prepaid vendors, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	470.00
APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC.	2,728.70
BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	152.03
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	256,489.53
CENEX FLEETCARD	845.17
COLE PAPERS INC	149.80
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, LLC	8,208.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	509.28
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	86.48
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	511.89
DATHE CONSTRUCTION	660.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	825.11
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00

DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
DS SOLUTIONS	175.00
EDGELEY MAIL	75.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	5,392.00
FLATH/ROBERT	150.00
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	12,264.91
GOOD/LAURIE	435.66
GRAINGER	126.50
HAKUNA MATATA	47.00
HAMLIN/JANICE	65.40
HEIDINGER/KEITH	243.74
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	841.90
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	84.95
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	76.88
KADRMAS LEE & JACKSON INC	5,990.84
KLEIN/BRUCE	159.81
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	2,100.05
LAMOURE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DIST	300.00
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	119.28
LAMOURE HARDWARE	492.24
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	299.35
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	295.68
LEAF	121.00
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	1,263.24
LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC.	97.22
MAINSTAY SUITES	253.80
MILLER/LEE	319.83
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	37.12
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	42.00
NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL	670.00
NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	275.00
OST BODY & PAINT	510.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,136.12
PANDORA MEDIA INC	2,318.66
PHARMCHEM INC	57.10
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	547.24
QUILL CORPORATION	201.97
R M STOUDT	499.73
RDO EQUIPMENT CO.	1,224.50
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	16.00
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	408.75
RODE/HARMONY	21.80
RODIN'S CORNER	114.49
SOLINGER LUMBER	644.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	910.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	582.22
VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER	1,350.00
WARCKEN/BILLI	13.08
WASTE MANAGEMENT	73.88
WEIGEL/VICTOR	193.60
WEX BANK	663.16

Kimberly Robbins brought in the letter to be mailed to North Dakota State Radio to request information on their budget and LaMoire County call counts. A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to have Chairman Klein sign the letter, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm Heidinger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Comm Flath. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF JULY, 2018

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:
