

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER
MEETING-May 5, 2020**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday May 5, 2020. Chairman Keith Heidinger was in attendance at the courthouse, along with Auditor Jan Hamlin, Acting Secretary Deb Kindelspire, and Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering. Commissioners Bruce Klein, Lee Miller, Bob Flath, and Marvin Schulz were in attendance via conference call. Also attending by teleconference were State's Attorney James Shockman, Clerk of Court Office, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. The chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Additions to the agenda included weight enforcement on county roads by the State Highway Patrol, gaming permit for the Horseshoe Saloon, letter from State Radio for memorandum of agreement, and a letter from RRVW requesting support from the county. Comm Flath moved to approve the agenda with its additions, seconded by Comm Schulz. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

Comm Miller moved to approve the minutes from the April 21 meeting, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote Comm Miller-yes; Comm Schulz-yes; Comm Klein-yes; and Comm Flath-yes. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering presented his report beginning with an update on bridge inspections. In Ovid Township, the north lane of the 77th St SE bridge has been closed due to pile damage. The department will be able to repair the pile when the water goes down. In Henrietta Township, the 90th Ave SE bridge has been closed due to large holes in the north approach. This bridge will be replaced as part of the bridge bundling projects. The engineer has recommended permanent closure of the Brunsmann Bridge to replace or repurpose in the future. The commissioners agreed to follow the advice of the engineer. The Quast Bridge has some girder damage on the southwest corner so that area has been closed off. The department will be able to replace the damaged girder.

Loegering has scheduled the department to work 4 eleven-hour days Monday through Thursday from 6:30am to 6:00pm on a trial basis to try to reduce overtime. County Road 163 from ND 13 to County Road 34 was closed due to poor road conditions, but was reopened on Monday. Spring load restrictions will be evaluated next week. There are eight townships that still need to submit their Gas Tax Maps.

County Road 35 from County Road 163 to US 281 has been reclaimed from pavement to gravel due to significant road damage. This road will be widened when Prairie Dog funding becomes available. Two to three inches of gravel will be placed over the reclaimed material. The county is looking for clay sources near County Road 35 for widening work scheduled for this summer. The township and county culvert projects are ongoing, with 38 sites currently scheduled. The culvert work on the Fullerton road has been completed and the road is now open. There is one culvert left to install on this road to Berlin.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol will assist with weight enforcement in LaMoure County if the county sends them a letter requesting assistance. Comm Schulz moved to send the letter for year-round assistance, seconded by Comm Flath. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins reported that for DR4444 (Spring 2019), there are 76 sites that need invoices and are incomplete to receive funding. DR4475 (Fall 2019) is in progress with pictures and site descriptions still needed. Damages can be cumulative but not duplicated for federal funding. DR4509 is the pandemic disaster number and no reimbursement requests have been made to FEMA for this disaster. Spring Flood 2020 has not been declared a disaster yet LaMoure County has had at least \$20,000 in damages reported. Some townships do not want to submit paperwork, but the county has no time to do it for them. In the pandemic update, Robbins states that the county has had 62 tests done with 62 negative reports.

The State Radio contract fees were at 40 cents prior to 2011, then raised to 84 cents in 2019, and the new fee in 2021 will be \$1.36. LaMoure County residents are taxed \$1 per line. The issue is on the upcoming ballot to increase the fee to residents. If the ballot measure doesn't pass, the increase will be applied to property taxes. Comm Klein moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with State Radio for emergency services, seconded by Comm Miller. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

Break 9:23 a.m. to 9:32 a.m.

Public Health Director Jessica Duffy teleconferenced in to report that nursing homes are on cue for testing at the state’s request. She answered questions concerning the wearing of masks. She feels that with the relaxed closings the public should be wearing masks to protect themselves and others.

The commissioners discussed the restart of the courthouse. With the upcoming election and only two of the courthouse employees trained to run the voting equipment, it was decided to keep restrictive access to the courthouse at this time. LaMoure County offices should conduct daily business and all office functions when possible. To ensure safe and responsible interaction with the public, it was asked that the public call before coming to the courthouse (or other county facility) and wear a cloth face covering. Employees should wear a cloth face mask to greet the public as well. If the public does not have a face covering, there will be paper masks available. The public will still be screened with the questions before entering the buildings.

A letter was received from RRVW requesting support from the county for the application for 2020 BUILD grant funds for the Rural Economic Preservation through Rail Replacement- Oakes, ND Project. Comm Schulz moved to sign a letter of support, seconded by Comm Klein. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

A & R Roofing & Company requested the county to sign the roofing proposal approved last year for the membrane on the courthouse roof for \$86,060. Work will start in July. Comm Klein moved to accept and sign the proposal, seconded by Comm Miller. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

The Delta Dental contract is up for renewal with rate increases. Comm Flath moved to approve the contract, seconded by Comm Klein. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

The ND Buffalo Association is requesting the continuation of the gaming site at the Horseshoe Saloon in Grand Rapids. Comm Klein moved to approve, seconded by Comm Flath. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

LaMoure County Memorial Park Board member, Billi Warcken, wanted to know if the meeting was still on at the park tonight for 6:00 p.m. Yes, it will be held in the auditorium.

Auditor Jan Hamlin added three additional bills that arrived this morning in the mail to the list given to the commissioners yesterday. Comm Miller moved to pay the bills, seconded by Comm Schulz. A roll call vote revealed all commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AT&T MOBILITY	8.80
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	53.00
BUILDERS MART	135.08
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	281.93
CITY OF KULM	74.78
CITY VIEW FUEL	79.12
COLE PAPERS INC	354.73
COMPUTER EXPRESS	885.53
D VENTURE	225.00
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	875.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	2,000.00
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	545.33
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,498.79
DUFFY/JESSICA	41.98
EDGELEY MAIL	1,316.97
GOOD OIL COMPANY	2,926.59
GRAINGER	61.77
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	300.50
IMS, INC.	72.75
JAC PREDATOR & LARGE PEST CONTROL	560.00
K.P. SHOCKMAN TREE MOVING	300.00
KADRMAS LEE & JACKSON INC	6,805.80
KLEIN'S LOADER SERVICE	1,590.00
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	27.44
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,856.93
LAMOURE CITY	196.81

LAMOURE DRUG STORE	23.94
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	41.98
LAMOURE HARDWARE	774.91
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,350.49
LEAF	121.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	49.94
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	11,686.08
NDACO	1,338.13
NORTHERN PLAINS LABEL	30.60
NORTHWEST TIRE INC	3,082.92
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	9,450.00
PRINSCO, INC	2,085.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	233.30
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO/THE	39.67
SHOCKMAN/KEVIN	999.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	48.55
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	20.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	40,210.62
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	64.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	312.39
WEX BANK	377.53

There being no further business, Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY, 2020

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor