

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING- September 15, 2020

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 15, 2020 with Chairman Keith Heidinger, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Lee Miller, Bob Flath, and Marvin Schulz, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, and State's Attorney James Shockman at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were Auditor Jan Hamlin, Clerk of Court Billi Warcken, Kimberly Robbins, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Chairman Heidinger called the meeting to order at approximately 8:32 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

There were two additions to the agenda. Comm Flath added Memorial Park Stabilization Bank Restoration and Comm Miller added Delegate for the NDACo convention which is virtual this year. Comm Klein made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger asked if there were additions or corrections for the September 3 Commissioner meeting minutes. There were none. Comm Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Miller. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. The Fullerton-Berlin highway paving project is 99% complete. It is approximately \$100,000.00 under budget. The surveying for the bridge bundling project is being completed this week. The shoulder pulls on CR 34 east of CR 60 will be done this week. The culvert installations planned for this week are as follows: Greenville Township FEMA site, CR 33 approach culvert, CR 34 approach culvert west of 163, 77th Street in Dean Township (2-48"), and county culvert locations in Ovid Township (4-36"). The base one stabilization project for the City of Edgeley which is a 900' of the truck route, they plan to work on the week of September 28.

Comm Flath said that the survey was done last week on the Memorial Park Bank Stabilization, which is located near the museum annex. The NRCS engineers will be looking for rock for riprap.

Comm Flath stated that the federal government has passed a Federal Tax Deferral which the county will have the option to opt in or out. If you opt in, the employer doesn't withhold Social Security out of the employee's payroll from now to the end of the year. Then in January 2021, the employer double collects from the employee's payroll for four months. Comm Flath made a motion to opt out of the Federal Tax Deferral for LaMoure County, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Comm Schulz stated that he attended the Golden Glen landfill meeting held in Edgeley. Golden Glen Township is zoned and needs to redo the process to have the landfill in their township. There is a county road that will be heavily traveled to the landfill. If approved, the county will need to take pictures of the road prior to and after the approval of the landfill. If the road is damaged it will need to be put back to its original state. The county could also put weight enforcement in place to help preserve the road. The location would be a stretch of road about 1 ½ miles on CR 33.

Comm Miller volunteered to be a delegate for the NDACo convention. October 1 will be the Caucuses meeting which will be held virtually. The rest of the convention will be virtually October 12 and 13.

Auditor Jan Hamlin stated that the Secretary of State's Office is highly recommending more polling location hours. Currently LaMoure County will open its poll election day at 9:00 a.m. and remain open until 7:00 p.m. With the uncertainty of this election and one polling location open, Hamlin is requesting that LaMoure County open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The commissioners agreed it would be a good idea. The Auditor's Office started mailing 1,068 ballot applications yesterday to active voters and plans to finish today. If you do not receive an application for a ballot, please contact the Auditor's Office and one will be mailed. If you marked the general or all statewide on your application in the primary, you will receive a ballot sometime after September 24, 2020. There will be one polling location open for the general election on election day at the Edgeley National Guard Armory Gymnasium (508 1 Ave W Edgeley, ND). The hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you vote by mail, there is a drop box located at the northeast corner of the courthouse (202 4th Ave NE LaMoure, ND). You can drop off 24/7 until 5:00 p.m. November 2 (the day before the election). If you mail your ballot, it must be postmarked by November 2 (the day before the election and arrive before the Canvass Board meets Monday, November 9th).

Future commissioner meeting dates were set for November 5 and 17, and December 1 and 15.

The budget meeting date was set for September 29 at 8:30 a.m. The final county budget will be approved at the October 6 meeting.

Break 9:15 a.m. to 9:28 a.m.

The commissioners reviewed the bills. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the bills presented, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGGREGTE INDUSTRIES-MWR, INC	1,352.00
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	58,897.00
ALLIED ENERGY	2,844.91
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	81.09
BOHNENSTINGL/SHANEL	9.96
BUMGARNER/JEFFREY	19.28
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,367.37
CENEX FLEETCARD	607.43
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	415.03
CITY VIEW FUEL	66.70
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EMS OF LAMOURE	1,500.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
D & B PORTABLES LLC	50.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	76.20
DAIRYLAND LABORATORIES, INC	84.00
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	92.05
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	92.19
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	844.96
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
ECONOMY OIL INC	2,522.85
EDGELEY MAIL	68.25
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	1,299.80
GOVX INC	104.95
HEARTLAND/VISA	792.07
HENRY SCHEIN	46.98
INCLUSION SOLUTIONS, LLC	990.82
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,261.45
I3G MEDIA	180.00
KLEIN'S LOADER SERVICE	1,100.00
KLEVER/DARCY	34.50
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	10.45
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	33.13
LAMOURE HARDWARE	996.43
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	250.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	48.00
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	296.60
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER CENTER	1,154.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	515.86
PRESORT PLUS, LLC	2,036.09
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	429.80
QUILL CORPORATION	178.63
SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL	23.00
SCHMOKER/MICHAEL	48.88
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,493.51
SOLINGER LUMBER	50.03
SOUTH DAKOTA LTAP	100.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS INC	75.53
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	3,220.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	6,717.99
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	2,500.00
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	138.00
VERIZON	375.15
WASTE MANAGEMENT	902.31
WELTON'S TIRE SERVICE	113.00
813 SALES, LLC	102.52

The preliminary budget hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Joel Leppert, Elroy Schlenker, and Billi Warcken. Mr. Schlenker questioned why the ag land taxes keep going up every year. He also was wondering if any money was going to be paid back from the schools when they weren't in session back in March to the end of the school year in May. It was explained that the school question should have been addressed at the school meeting that was also posted on the bottom of the estimated tax statement. His last question was-does the county send money to the state to pay for the presidents of the colleges and higher education. It was explained that the county does not pay the state for that. The state pays the county more money than the county pays to the state. The farm land value is set by the state. The state uses a formula and part of the formula is the land sales in the area. A good place to start would be to go to the equalization meetings and then to the state equalization meeting. Also talk with your representatives. Joel Leppert also feels everything is too high. Land prices are still based on \$8.00 corn back from 2012. Leppert said that his land is still wet from the last two years. It was suggested that he check into inundated acres. He also wanted to know if the county plans to keep the paved roads in good condition. The county is, but seven miles of paving costs approximately \$1.25 million. Clerk of Court Billi Warcken inquired if the salary scale for her open deputy position was going to be adjusted. She currently has one application and was told one more was coming soon. The last time the position was open the first candidate didn't accept due to the salary. The second took it but left for a higher paying position. The salary adjustment will be discussed with HR. The preliminary budget hearing was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Heidinger adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor