

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
September 7, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 7, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Keith Heidinger, Jason Weigel and Bob Flath, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Treasurer Cindy Worrel, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference was DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins. Absent was State's Attorney James Shockman. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:31 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Miller asked for additions to the agenda. There weren't any additions. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the August 17 minutes, seconded by Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, gave his report. He said the Grand Rapids bridge was built properly and the beams are fine. It was restricted because the gusset plates at the splice points are too small. The federal government added different types of trucks to their classification so that is why there needs to be a 30-ton maximum limit. Josh signed a \$5,000 hourly contract with KLJ to develop repair design for the gusset plates. The federal government allows for a sign that would cover the different truck types and what they can haul but the state doesn't allow those types of signs. FEMA approved the replacement of the Kartes bridge for 2022. There is a meeting next week with FEMA to design the box and bid it out. The county will install it. The annual meeting with DOT will be October 5 at 11:45 a.m. in Bismarck at the NDACo Conference. Large culvert installations will occur during the next few weeks at Henrietta Township, Grandview Township, CR 60 (two sites), CR 35 (one site), CR 65 (one site), CR 64 (one site), and CR 66 (one site). The road will need to be closed for a day or two when installing. The roadway realignment in Edgeley should finish next week. The bridge bundling projects started August 30. Chip sealing will be done in Edgeley September 8 and 9. The crews will fog seal the otta seals on CR 35-CR 61 one mile west; CR 34-CR 62 one mile east; and CR 35 one mile west of CR 163 with two lifts. It is turning out okay. The road is smooth but there is road noise. It is costing approximately \$45,000 per mile.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, started with drought information. LaMoure County is currently in the D1 category except for the three corners of the county. There has not been a high burn day since August 18. One rain station reported 4.35 inches of rain since August 21, while only 4.34 inches were reported from May 1 to August 20. The commissioners decided not to rescind the drought declaration and revisit it at the next meeting. The spring storm event occurred June 9-11, 2021. On August 9, 2021, Governor Burgum requested a disaster. On September 1, 2021, President Biden signed the declaration which has been call DR 4613. On September 15, 2021 there will be an application briefing. Comm Klein appointed Kimberly Robbins and Josh Loegering as the county applicant agents, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. The City of Marion will need to appoint their own applicant agent.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, gave her updates. COVID cases are rising. There were six testing today. There are currently nine active cases in the county. The main day for testing in LaMoure County is Thursday. Vaccinations for COVID are also on the rise. Public Health ran out of vaccinations last week, but they will be restocked by Friday. Residents can go to the clinic to get their vaccinations as well. The 80-year-old group are at 80% plus for vaccinations. The 20, 30, 40, and 50 age group is picking up. The 12-18 age group is at 22.8%. The whole county is currently at 51.7%. A third shot has been approved for Pfizer and Moderna for immunocompromised individuals. The booster vaccination for everyone else should be approved by September 20. You can get the booster eight months after your second vaccination. Public Health will be going on the road to Edgeley with their mobile clinic September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The commissioners discussed a COVID/sick policy. The commissioners would like the hand sanitizer and mask station at the door. Comm Flath made a motion that LaMoure County will follow the North Dakota Department of Health's current guidelines for infection control, seconded by Comm Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Leonard Peterson applied for an anhydrous ammonia license application at 320 7th St N, Grand Rapids, ND. The application is for licensing of a previously existing anhydrous ammonia storage facility. Comm

Klein made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor Hamlin recommended Holly Braun, Vance Stemen, Marv Schulz, Chrissy Kartes, and Jeff Piehl as board members for the LaMoure County School Annexation, Reorganization, and Dissolution Board. Comm Flath made a motion to appoint Auditor Hamlin's recommended board members listed above, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

There was some discussion on the ARPA funds. The board would like to get more information on how the funds could be used and find out the deadline date to apply before making a decision. Some counties in the state have already applied.

Chairman Miller called the Special Park Board meeting to order at 9:31 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. There was discussion for long term rental of the park house. A party would like to rent it for three months with the option of the fourth month. They would like to park a couple campers as well. There will be no pets or smoking in the house. They would like to rent it mid-September to mid-December-January. The party used to rent a house in Grand Rapids but that house has since been rented out year-round. They are willing to pay \$500 per month and all fuel and electricity. Comm Flath made a motion to rent the park house for \$500 per month for three months with the option of four months; pay a \$1,000 deposit all due before occupancy; and pay the fuel and electricity, seconded by Billi Warcken. All voting aye, motion carried. The Park Board meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

The commissioner meeting reconvened.

LaMoure County will host the next 5-County meeting on September 16. The plan is to tour the museum. Some agenda items will be ARPA funds, resolutions, drought declaration, and reorganization of the board.

Break 10:08 a.m. to 10:18 a.m.

Comm Klein made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A & R ROOFING CO., INC.	93,742.00
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	4,238.00
ALBER/LAUREL	104.00
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	63.00
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,124.04
CITY OF KULM	74.65
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EMS OF LAMOURE	12.00
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,023.56
COUNTY LINE MACHINE, LLC	19.60
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	515.57
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,394.93
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
FEDEX	157.00
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	63,811.94
GALLS, LLC	207.94
GOOD OIL COMPANY	7,806.62
GRAHAM TIRE ABERDEEN	63.65
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	2,983.08
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	287.47
IWI LIGHTING INC	143.12
JONES/TORIE	114.24
KULM MESSENGER	293.16
L & S WORREL TRUCKING, INC.	1,935.15
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	944.94
LAMOURE CITY	269.81
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	52.25
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	239.26
LAMOURE HARDWARE	1,140.80

LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,195.67
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	257.00
LEAF	120.40
LEXIS-NEXIS	68.10
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	30.23
OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	2,874.27
PORTER/DENICE	26.88
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	838.62
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	78.75
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,490.31
SOUTH DAKOTA LTAP	100.00
STEPP MFG	3,082.83
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	53.53
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	3,500.00
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	691.50
TITAN MACHINERY	673.35
TRUENORTH STEEL	13,132.80
VERIZON WIRELESS	604.28

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor