

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
September 21, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 21, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Keith Heidinger, Jason Weigel and Bob Flath, State's Attorney James Shockman, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, and Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference was DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Miller asked for additions to the agenda. The bathhouse at Memorial Park and ARPA funds were the additions. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the September 7 minutes, seconded by Klein. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, would like to put the weed mowing and hay bale removal notice in all the papers in the county. The ad would read: All weeds and grasses on regularly traveled township roads in LaMoure County must be mowed on or before October 15, 2021, by landowners or operators. The mowing must have a seven-foot minimum swath, tops of approaches need to be mowed back to right-of-way and a maximum stubble height of four inches. All hay bales must be removed from ditches and right-of-ways on county and township roads by November 1, 2021. Failure to comply with this order will result in the costs of mowing being assessed to the landowner at the rate of \$100 per half lane mile and if bales are not removed, they will be disposed of and actual costs of disposing of the bales will be charged to the landowner. By order of the LaMoure County Commissioners, Lee Miller Chairman. Comm Heidinger made a motion to publish the weed mowing and hay bale removal notice, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. Josh said they are working on the same things that were discussed at the last meeting. He also said that one of the bridges is done on the bridge bundling project.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, went over the drought information. LaMoure County put on the Drought Declaration when the county was in the D3 D4 category. The county is now mostly in the D1 category with only one small corner in the D2. Most of the county has received five inches of rain this month. There has not been a high burn day since August 18. Comm Klein made a motion to rescind the Drought Declaration, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. The LaMoure County Fire Emergency and Burn Ban will expire October 1, 2021, and the commission did not take action to extend it.

Comm Weigel went over some quotes and options he has received for the shower/bath house at Memorial Park. There was a committee formed and action may need to be made soon. Huff Construction from Aberdeen quoted \$150,000, Larson Masonry out of Valley City quoted \$140,000, and D&L Concrete, Lee Luck quoted \$130,000. D & L Concrete is interested in starting the project in October. All quotes do not include septic system and water. The well will be next year's project. It was decided to set up a special park board meeting for September 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the park.

Comm Klein said that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA funds) were discussed at the 5-County meeting held last week. Eleven of the 53 counties in North Dakota have not applied for the funds. Comm Klein feels that if the Federal Infrastructure Bill passes this money will be gone and the county would lose out on funding. After a county applies for the money, half is sent right away. The auditor will have to apply for the funds. A separate account will have to be created to track the funds. There is a report due sixty days after the funds arrive. The report will have to be a group effort involving the auditor, deputy auditor, treasurer, and possibly the DES coordinator. If the county doesn't have a qualifying project and has to send the money back, they will get to keep the interest. Comm Heidinger made a motion for the auditor to apply for the ARPA funds, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote: Comm Flath, yes; Comm Weigel, yes; Comm Heidinger, yes; Comm Klein, yes; Chairman Miller didn't vote. Motion carried.

Ransom County would like to schedule the next 5-County meeting for December 2. The commissioners said that date will work.

Break 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALLIED ENERGY	4,101.62
ALLSTATE PETERBILT	552.76
AT&T MOBILITY	61.64
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	73.67
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	10.66
BAYMONT BY WYNDHAM	172.80
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	315.74
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	493.59
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	153.59
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
COLE PAPERS INC	263.04
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,710.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
D & B PORTABLES LLC	50.00
D VENTURE	100.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	334.11
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	2,000.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	94.09
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	117.75
ECONOMY OIL INC	4,375.64
ELECTRO WATCHMAN INC	166.86
FLATH/ROBERT	311.20
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	54,701.19
GRAHAM TIRE ABERDEEN	2,041.28
HEIDINGER/KEITH	352.64
HENRY SCHEIN	636.47
HOMAN/CAROLINE	693.01
INDUSTRIAL BUILDERS INC	11,000.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,389.45
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	22.51
INTERGRAPH CORPORATION	2,100.24
I3G MEDIA	625.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	173.80
KARR TUCKPOINTING LLC	33,332.00
KLEIN/BRUCE	322.37
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	17.98
KUNTZ/LUCAS	440.00
LAMOURE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST. #8	250.00
LEXIS-NEXIS	1,134.06
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	293.16
LOCATORS & SUPPLIES, INC.	113.12
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	21.99
MILLER/LEE	387.36
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	35.46
MOTION INDUSTRIES	1,377.10
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	350.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	10.00
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	26.48
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	2,182.24
NORMONT	605.72
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER CENTER	2,233.55
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,821.95
PEPSI-COLA	207.10
PRINSCO, INC	1,695.00
QUILL CORPORATION	594.06
RACINE/JULIANNE	449.68
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	10.80
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	123.20
STEFFES EXCAVATION & TRUCKING	89,874.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	2,325.00
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	51,821.77
TITAN MACHINERY	454.61
TRIJD, INC	450.00
TRU WELLNESS	300.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47

VERIZON WIRELESS	438.13
WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,201.46
WEIGEL/JASON	370.56
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

Chairman Miller opened the budget meeting at 10:00 a.m. Dave Muske was present and questioned why one of his two quarters of land went up. The quarter with the house and buildings went up. The other quarter didn't. Comm Flath explained that there was a residential reappraisal done and his house value must have increased and added to his taxes for that quarter. Comm Flath explained that the agricultural and commercial went down this year. Comm Flath also said that the overall budget went down this year. Dave reviewed and was okay with the budget. No one else was present for the budget meeting. Chairman Miller adjourned the budget meeting at 10:16 a.m.

A budget meeting was set for September 30, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor