

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING-
January 4, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 4, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Bob Flath, Jason Weigel and Lee Miller, 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 were Commissioner Keith Heidinger, DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:38 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. Auditor Hamlin added Memorial Park Country Club beer and liquor application. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the December 21 minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave an update on snow removal. He said they started snow removal last Monday and pulled all the plows at noon. They restarted Monday evening and were 95% done by Thursday. It took three full days to do all county, township, bus and mail route roads. The trucks ran Saturday. They are running the county and gravel roads today. They will probably be running tomorrow and Thursday as well. They just starting salting yesterday. Things went well. Chairman Klein mentioned that at the last meeting Josh handed out maps on proposed road projects and wanted to know when a decision will need to made. It was decided by the end of February.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave her presentation. Hazard mitigation funding is available after each declared disaster. LaMoure County and respective cities are eligible for this funding because we have a hazard mitigation plan which is updated every five years. So far, the City of Berlin and City of LaMoure (Lake LaMoure Recreational area) are currently pursuing outdoor warning siren projects for hazard mitigation funding. Both the projects have been submitted to the state. Other communities in LaMoure County may seek funding for outdoor warning sirens and storm shelters. The next update is on DR 4613 which is the June 2021 flooding event. LaMoure County has received \$32,428.53 for the county project which was a large culvert washout. FEMA has approved funding for Saratoga and Prairie Townships yet waiting for funding to be received by the State of North Dakota and then can disperse to the two townships.

Public Health Director Jessica Duffy gave a COVID update. They are still testing with the PCR and binex rapid tests. They are testing travelers. The percentage of positives in LaMoure County over 14 days is 4.56%. The numbers can be skewed due to more people using home tests or not testing. The current active cases for LaMoure County are six. There were 476 cases reported in 2020 and 305 cases reported in 2021 for a total of 781. There has been a total of 18 deaths, 17 in 2020 and one death in 2021. Jessica then went into immunizations. The only changes since the last report is boosters are now recommended for anyone five years and up, six months after the 2nd shot. MRNA is recommended over the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) vaccine. The next booster clinic will be in Kulm in the morning and Edgeley in the afternoon on January 11. They are still doing the boosters at LCPH on Fridays. They have administered 4810 doses of COVID vaccine in LaMoure County. The total LaMoure County immunization rate is 55.5%. There has been an increase of 2% in the 12–18-year-olds and 1% in the 19–59-year-olds in the last month. Jessica reported the Omicron is over 90% of the cases in some regions in North Dakota but the average overall in North Dakota is 45%. It is fast spreading. The symptoms do not appear to be more or worse than other variants. The best protection against any form of COVID continues to be vaccination. Pfizer and Moderna are showing protection against Omicron variant. Some forms of monoclonal anti-bodies are not effective in treating Omicron. LaMoure County Public Health cannot provide work letters for individuals when they take their own home tests.

Treasurer Cindy Worrel presented an abatement which was missed as farm exempt. The total adjusted tax will be \$1,066.26. Comm Weigel made a motion to accept the abatement, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger said the Human Service Zone Board members have three-year terms and LaMoure County Board Member Kim Puklich-Paulson's term was up December 31, 2021. Comm Heidinger visited with her and she is willing to continue serving on the board. Comm Heidinger made a motion to appoint Kim Puklich-Paulson to the South Country Human Service board for a three-year term starting January 1, 2022, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Auditor Hamlin said that \$52,523.13 State Aid funds came in right after the last commissioner meeting. The commissioners want to table the transfer until the next meeting and do it with any other transfers and amendments.

Comm Flath made a motion to approve the beer, liquor, on/off sale, and Sunday opening licenses for Memorial Park Country Club, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Norma Jordahl donated a framed photo. It was of the Pioneer Association of the north half of LaMoure County actual settlers before January 1, 1886. Auditor Hamlin said that Custodian Roger Loegering has found an area in the courthouse to hang the photo. It is a very nice picture and nice addition to the courthouse. Comm Miller said that his Great-grandfather is in the photo. The commissioners thanked Norma for her donation.

Break 9:08 a.m. to 9:17 a.m.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	66.68
CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT	2,046.50
CITY OF KULM	74.76
COLE PAPERS INC	84.66
COMPUTER EXPRESS	2,045.99
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	875.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,388.84
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	12.49
GOOD OIL COMPANY	334.40
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	385.90
JIM'S FLOOR COVERING INSTALLATION	676.75
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	3,558.52
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	25.97
KULM MESSENGER	74.25
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	552.62
LAMOURE CITY	167.31
LAMOURE COUNTY TREASURER	787.06
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	26.02
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	12.58
LEAF	120.40
LEXIS-NEXIS	411.21
MAC'S HARDWARE	494.35
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY	668.08
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	39,628.41
ND CLERKS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION	1,650.00
ND TOURISM DIVISION	250.00
ND 911 ASSOCIATION	25.00
NDACE	150.00
NDEMA	50.00
NDSU DEPT 3110	96.00
PLUSOPTIX, INC.	295.00
QUILL CORPORATION	298.08
RM STOUTD, INC	18.76
SOUTH CENTRAL DAKOTA REGIONAL COUNCIL	9,764.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	51.03
TOBACCO FREE ND	1,000.00
TRU AESTHETIC & WELLNESS, LLC	50.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	70,376.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	13,305.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	587.42
WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE	250.00

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor