

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER
MEETING- August 18, 2020**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, August 18, 2020 with Chairman Keith Heidinger, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Lee Miller, Bob Flath, and Marvin Schulz, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, and State's Attorney James Shockman at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator 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 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

There were no additions to the agenda. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Chairman Heidinger asked if there were additions or corrections for the August 4th Commissioner meeting minutes. There were none. Comm Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering gave his report. He has hired Dalton Hamlin as the blade operator for the LaMoure route. Hamlin will start August 31. The crew has completed the shoulder pulls in Greenville and Black Loam townships and will start on Dean and Pomona View townships next. The crew will be paving over the Berlin box culvert this week Thursday and Friday and the road will be closed during the project. The crew set the Jud bridge yesterday and have three days of work left. They hope to have it complete and open by the end of the week. Loegering went over some large projects he hopes to complete this fall. They will ditch clean and install a culvert on CR 33 and CR 60 north of the James River. They will ditch clean CR 61 near Marion. Loegering has been asked to install a 36" culvert with gates for Pearl Lake township on CR 60 for the Twin Lake Emergency Drain Project. State's Attorney James Shockman said that he received a letter from the attorney of a downstream landowner. The purpose of the letter was to inform the county that it may be liable for all activity conducted and all effects caused by the construction, modification, and operation of the project. Loegering stated he would not do any work until all permits are complete and with approval of the Board of Commissioners. Shockman said he will work with Loegering if the highway department is the contractor to limit the liability. The crew will finish patching bad spots with gravel on CR 61, CR 34, CR 35, and CR 163. The asphalt patches over culvert replacements have been complete. Large culvert replacements are planned for the Bear Creek crossings, on the county line west of ND 56, and on CR 65 north of CR 35. The CR 62 paving project will start to see activity this week. Patching will begin the week of August 24 and Strata will be paving the week of August 31.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave her report via teleconference. DR 4553 is the spring flooding 2020. The exploratory call is complete and the recovery scoping meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th. The LaMoure county Multi-Hazard Plan meets the federal requirements under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. The plan is approved for the time period of June 24, 2020, through June 2, 2025, for LaMoure County and the cities of Berlin, Dickey, Edgeley, Jud, Kulm, LaMoure, Marion, and Verona. Comm Klein made a motion to have the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan posted on the county website, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Kelli Just, EMT with the Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure and Edgeley Ambulance, was in attendance representing LaMoure, Edgeley, and Kulm ambulance services. She is asking for an increase in mills. In the past the state has set aside money to provide to their services. The Department of Health received so many complaints on how it was distributed so in 2019 the legislation came up with a formula on how to distribute funds. There were 13 agencies across the state this year that received zero funding based on the new formula and LaMoure Ambulance was one of them. Kulm and Edgeley did receive funding but it was way less than in the past. All three ambulances in the past received about \$60,000.00 altogether. The current mill levy for ambulances in LaMoure County is 3.29 mills. The state wants you to get 5 mills locally before you go to the them for money. The shortfall for LaMoure Ambulance is \$52,000.00. LaMoure and Edgeley Ambulance personnel are the lowest paid in the state at \$2.00 per hour. There is a shortage in ambulance personnel. If you get personnel outside the county, they have been quoted \$14.00 per hour and don't know if they have that personnel to share. The Edgeley Ambulance doesn't have the facility to house outside personnel. They are looking at renting an apartment and that costs money also. The cost of running an ambulance service is increasing. Kelli presented four resolutions for the commissioners to consider. Comm Schulz made a motion go with resolution "C" which states LaMoure County shall collect 5 mills, seconded by Comm Flath. Roll call vote revealed all voting yes. Motion carried.

2020 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RESOLUTION

Commissioner Marvin Schulz introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Bob Flath:

Whereas, North Dakota law allows for levying of up to 15 mills for the purposes of subsidizing county emergency medical services; and,

Whereas, LaMoure County currently levies only 3.29 mills for subsidizing county emergency medical services; and,

Whereas, emergency medical services are critical and crucial to the health, safety and wellness of LaMoure County residents:

Now therefore be it resolved that, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 57-15-50, the LaMoure County Commission hereby moves to place the following question on the ballot in the upcoming November 2020 election:

"North Dakota Law currently allows for counties to levy up to 15 mills for the purpose of subsidizing county emergency services provided to county residents. For the purposes of subsidizing crucial and critical emergency medical services to LaMoure County residents, LaMoure County shall collect five mills (5 mills)."

Upon roll call vote being taken, the following Commissioner(s) voted in favor: Keith Heidinger, Lee Miller, Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, and Marvin Schulz

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2020.

Attest:

Jan Hamlin
County Auditor

Keith Heidinger
Chairman

Break 9:43 a.m. to 9:54 a.m.

The next business item was to approve the polling locations for the general election. Auditor Jan Hamlin recommended that there be one polling location which will be a vote center due to the COVID-19 guidelines that will need to be followed. There is also the difficulty of finding enough election workers. Extra workers will be needed this election for sanitization and the help with flow. The largest location in the county to follow the guidelines is the Edgeley Armory gymnasium and it is available. Comm Lee Miller motioned to establish the Edgeley Armory as the polling location, seconded by Comm Schulz. Motion carried.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for September 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Agri Valley is wondering what liability limit the county would like to go with. Currently the county is at one million. After a short discussion, it was decided to stay at one million.

Chairman Heidinger stated that earlier the county sent a support letter to the rail replacement project. They have sent a thank you letter for our support.

Comm Schulz stated that Golden Glen Township talked to him about a meeting they had on zoning a landfill. It passed the other day. They wanted to know if they have to come to the county with anything. They do not.

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>
ALLIED ENERGY	320.42
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	160.73

BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	209.52
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	16.31
CENEX FLEETCARD	484.56
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	745.46
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY VIEW FUEL	15.98
COLE PAPERS INC	87.26
COMPUTER EXPRESS	449.70
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	1,183.80
D & B PORTABLES LLC	150.00
D VENTURE	380.00
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	199.68
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	88.87
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	1,545.98
DISCOVERY BENEFITS	83.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	50.00
EDGELEY MAIL	758.35
FASTNACHT/JOSHUA	140.00
FLATH/ROBERT	500.00
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	7,696.97
GOOD OIL COMPANY	16,925.40
GORDY'S GRILL & FILL	254.37
GROUND NORTH COFFEE CO.	26.00
HEARTLAND/VISA	850.26
HEIDINGER/KEITH	448.35
HENRY SCHEIN	632.84
HORNER/STEVEN JON	140.00
HWY. 13 ONE-STOP SHOP, INC	1,550.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,255.10
KLEIN/BRUCE	315.53
KULM AMBULANCE CORPS	600.00
KYNU-FM	270.00
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	51.60
LAMOURE CITY	106.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	17.65
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	185.87
LEXIS-NEXIS	489.36
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH	111.03
MILLER/LEE	400.05
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITY	29.88
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL & SAFETY SUPPLY	239.76
ND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	32.00
ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	600.00
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	11,589.45
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	2,882.30
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	920.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	4,033.98
PFIZER, INC.	1,308.31
PITNEY BOWES	456.00
PORTER/DENICE	91.43
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	45.70
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	70.06
QUILL CORPORATION	879.12
RACINE/JULIANNE	262.20
RAMKOTA HOTEL	172.80
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.20
SCHULZ/MARVIN	369.00
SHOCKMAN/KEVIN	44.24
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	253.23
STUTSMAN COUNTY AUDITOR	133.00
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	2,730.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	8,826.04
VERIZON WIRELESS	716.26
VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER	1,500.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	901.86
WE'RE SCHMOKIN' NOW	120.00

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

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020

KEITH HEIDINGER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor