

## **OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING- January 19, 2021**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 19, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering and Auditor Jan Hamlin at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were, State's Attorney James Shockman, Patty Wood Bartle from the Edgeley Mail, and Art Hagebock from the LaMoure Chronicle. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:32 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

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

Comm Flath made a motion to approve the January 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, went over additions and abatements. There are \$7.35 in an abatement, \$2,216.05 in additions, and 616.40 in deceased TIF city specials. These are all for 2020 taxes. Comm Flath made a motion to accept the presented additions and abatements, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried. Comm Flath made a motion to accept the following financial institutions: BankNorth, Dakota Plains Credit Union, Heartland State Bank, Hometown Credit Union, Dakota Heritage Bank, Choice Financial, and LaMoure Credit Union, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the securities that were in place as of December 31, 2020, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. Comm Heidinger asked how much interest was made in 2020. Cindy said approximately \$105,000.00. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the Certificates of Deposit in the amount of \$4,010,158.97 as of December 31, 2020, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. Cindy said that about one third of the 2020 taxes have been collected to date.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, informed the commissioners the due date for farm residence exemption is February 1. There are approximately 125 applications back which is about one third. Your tax preparer can provide to the tax director a signed affidavit verifying the farm gross income ratio.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, gave a county COVID update. There are three current active cases, 17 deaths, 477 positives since the start. The county is in the yellow category. They have given 240 vaccinations and will be starting the 75 plus age group this week. They are still testing every Thursday by appointment. You can take a rapid test any day with an appointment. If you have symptoms, they will meet you at your vehicle.

NDSU Extension Agent, Julianne Racine, talked about Operation I.D.I.D.I.T. which means I delivered innovative distancing incorporating technology. They started with the drive in at Green Iron and did a drive through tree program at Memorial Park. Julianne's vehicle was set up with a FM transmitter and wireless lapel microphone and the attendees tuned into a pre-determined FM station in their own vehicle. Julianne attended the D.I.R.T virtual workshop. She hosted a room on soil biology and attended other sessions on cover cropping within corn, soil salinity/sodicity, and root zone biology. This year there will be commodity elections. This year it is corn, soybean, and wheat. Soybean is done completely by mail. There will be ballot boxes for corn and wheat in six locations throughout the county. We will be accepting nominations by e-mail, phone, or U.S.P.S. as long as they are here and postmarked by the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. She talked about other 2020 highlights being a legislative update and being part of the NDSU Extension Search Committee. Pesticide training 2021 will be in person and virtual.

Caroline Homan, 4-H Youth Development Agent, said they kicked off the new 4-H year September 1. They had to think outside the box this year to facilitate programming and prioritize the safety of the youth. This year every enrolled 4-H family received a take home science and baking kit which included nine lessons. Lessons were held on Zoom. The 4-H recognition program was also held on Zoom. There was a PowerPoint showcasing 4-H members and their achievements. Caroline worked with 4-H Ambassadors to serve as Master of Ceremonies for the Zoom event, and hand delivered 4-H awards and gourmet cupcakes. Caroline received an Achievement in Service Award at the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals conference. The NDSU Extension conference this year was a tri-conference with South Dakota and Kansas. The 4-H Volunteer Forum was also virtual this past year. Caroline has provided a lot of support for 4-H at the state level. She is planning 4-H Leadership Awareness Weekend which will be held on Zoom. Caroline serves on the 4-H Covid Steering Committee, the 4-H Program Plan Civic Engagement Team, peer-reviewed NDSU Extension publications on youth

mental health, is Program Developer for getting Happy Hour, and is a JCEP's Connecting Colleagues Team member.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, went over the transfers and amendments for year-end 2020. The amendments are County General \$25,275.36, Human Service (went to Emmons County) \$174,856.74, Weed Control \$34.85, Correctional Center/Prisoner \$24,384.00, Ambulance (in/out account) \$137,959.80. Emergency Mill (used for Covid) \$12,310.22, Wireless E911 \$16,118.99, Sobriety Program \$868.50, and Culverts Purchase \$210,237.85. The transfers are Farm to Market to Road and Bridge \$21,840.09, State Aid to Road and Bridge \$447,666.24, State Aid to Correctional Center/Prisoner \$15,856.26, Human Service to County General \$8.26, State Aid to Culverts Purchase \$45,104.40. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the presented amendments and transfers, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

There was discussion on limited access to the courthouse. The system we have in place has been working. If the Covid numbers keep declining, we will need to open. Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, said that taxpayers can drop their payment for taxes at BankNorth, Heartland State Bank, and Dakota Heritage. They can mail, drop them off at the drop box at the courthouse, or call for an appointment. The Treasurer's Office are mailing receipts and will continue this practice even after this year. Comm Weigel made a motion to keep the courthouse at restricted access and reevaluate at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Break 9:25 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.

The next topic was the off-site beer and liquor license fee. Auditor Hamlin said that Coach's Bar and Grill paid \$300.00 in 2012 for an off-site license for the Nortonville Centennial. Jake Star paid \$450.00 but theirs was determined to be for a regular beer and liquor license. The price for an off-site special event permit will be \$300.00.

Auditor Hamlin asked if the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting could be changed to the afternoon or a different day. When there is a holiday the Monday before the meeting, it is hard to get all the bills ready. The meeting has been changed to February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

<b><u>Vendor Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	86.00
ALLSTATE PETERBILT	483.64
AT&T MOBILITY	61.72
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	235.78
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	955.58
CENEX FLEETCARD	835.82
CITY VIEW FUEL	137.45
COLE PAPERS INC	219.49
COMPUTER EXPRESS	19.98
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	4,183.80
D & B PORTABLES LLC	50.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA PLAINS AG	1,115.71
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	95.72
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	103.55
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	110.17
EDGELEY MAIL	217.75
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
GOOD OIL COMPANY	10,848.38
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE	360.00
HEIDINGER/KEITH	396.32
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,281.85
JAMESTOWN REGIONAL MED CT	58.00
KLEIN/BRUCE	415.12
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	1,373.97
LAMOURE CITY	94.50
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	5.98
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	63.94
LAMOURE HARDWARE	918.32
LEXIPOL LLC	575.00
MILLER/LEE	464.96

ND ASSOC. OF COUNTY & TRIBAL VETERAN	50.00
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	19.00
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS	100.00
ND CLERKS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND CO AUDITORS ASSOCIATION	100.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	142.07
ND SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION	400.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	120.00
ND TAX COMMISSIONER	7,069.50
NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE DEPT 7510	10,226.04
NORMONT	671.38
NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL	15.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	167.51
PEPSI-COLA	207.10
PRESORT PLUS, LLC	2,230.64
QUILL CORPORATION	129.81
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.20
STUTSMAN COUNTY CORRECTION CENTER	3,710.00
TOTAL HOME, INC.	2,031.00
US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	123.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	1,984.62
WALKER/DELIA	45.00
WARCKEN/BILLI	100.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	188.40
WEIGEL/JASON	344.80
WEX BANK	289.99

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

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LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

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JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor