

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONER MEETING- February 2, 2021

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 2, 2021, with Chairman Lee Miller, Commissioners Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, State's Attorney James Shockman, Treasurer Cindy Worrel, and Auditor Jan Hamlin 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 Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Miller asked for any additions to the agenda. There were no additions. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the January 19th minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, said that at the last meeting she reported approximately \$105,000.00 was made in interest in 2020. The true total for 2020 interest was \$94,346.76.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, gave his report. He said that the county should advertise for the 2021 culvert and oil bids. The bid opening could be on March 2 with culverts at 9:15 a.m. and oil at 9:30 a.m. Comm Klein made a motion to advertise for oil and culvert bids and open the bids March 2, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried. Josh informed the commissioners a gravel testing lab has been set up at the LaMoure Shop. This will help find the best gravel for our roads. The County Covid Relief Allocations (CCRA) will be a federal fund distribution in the amount of \$79,011.47. It will be added to our regular federal highway funds at the state and not as a separate check to the county. Josh stated that he will not be purchasing a new blade this year. He purchased a 2008 ¾ ton Chevy for Benson Shop and the crack sealing crew which was \$6,500. He is looking to purchase a new sign truck and is working through the specifics. It should be in the \$70,000 to \$90,000 price range. It will be two models smaller than the snow plows. He would like to get a new gooseneck trailer with hydraulic ramps in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range and replace both 770 skid steers this year. Some major maintenance is being done on the crusher. General Equipment has been working on the overhaul and a new cone liner which has taken over five weeks so far. The rest of the work can be done by the county which includes control panel update from mechanical to electronic switches and starters. Josh moved to projects on his agenda. The night time sign inspections have been completed. They identified 185 signs that were deficient which will cost about \$8,000 to replace. There will also be 14 new Welcome to LaMoure County signs replaced. Federal funds will be used for construction engineering for the bridge bundling project which will require proposals and interviews.

LaMoure County has zero active Covid 19 cases as of February 1, 2021. There have been 17 cumulative deaths and 499 cumulative positives for the county. The Covid 19 risk level effective 8:00 a.m. Friday, January 29, has gone to green, which is low. This changes capacity limits to 80% for bars, restaurants, and other food service with a maximum of 300. The capacity limits are 75% for banquet, ballrooms, and event venues. LaMoure County Public Health is still testing every Thursday by appointment. As of January 31, 2021, LaMoure County Public Health has administered 496 vaccines, which is 9.8% thus far.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, started with the Wellness Program. The 2021 agency health risk assessment has been completed. The wellness coordinators who had an agency completion of 20% or higher will receive a \$20 gift card from Sanford Health Plan to use for future wellness programming. LaMoure County has a 23% completion rate. Public Health has agreed to complete the heart health wellness checks for county employees. The Highway Department will be conducted today and the Courthouse will be at a later date in February. This is budgeted annually and we receive reimbursement from the wellness program to complete it. LaMoure County must sign commitment of the wellness program to be eligible for a 1% health insurance premium discount. To be eligible, your organization must complete and submit a Wellness Program Discount Application, SNF 58436, by February 28, 2021. Notification of approval/denial of discount application will be received in April. The wellness program funding application SFN 58361 is due by February 28, 2021. Additional funds help participating employers be better equipped in the creation of wellness initiatives. NDPERS will contact participants in June with an update of application status. Comm Heidinger made a motion to commit and participate in the wellness program and to designate Kimberly Robbins as the coordinator, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. Kimberly gave updates on DR4444, DR4475, and DR4553. DR4444-extension has been granted to complete work until 12/12/2021. We are still working on a request for the Kartes Bridge Project. DR4475-recovering scoping meeting was held January 21, 2021, work needs to be completed by

July 21, 2021. It is likely no request for an extension is needed as there are no large projects remaining in this disaster. DR4553-recovery scoping meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2021. Work will need to be completed by January 9, 2022 and again likely no request for an extension since there are no large projects in this disaster. Kimberly explained the role of the LaMoure County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee). The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) mandates state and local committees be developed to understand the risk posed by chemicals in their area and be prepared to deal safely with these emergencies. The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) is the administering body and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) reports to the SERC. Comm Flath is the current representative on this committee and serves as Chairman. The LEPC must consist of elected officials, emergency personnel, industry, and the Emergency Manager to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Facilities that store, sell, and/or handle hazardous materials are required to submit an annual report and funding to the State of North Dakota. These reports are submitted only online now. The funding is split between the SERC and LEPC. <http://www.spill.nd.gov/> is the website for reporting spills. The LEPC meets quarterly. The next meeting is a hybrid of online/in person on February 4th.

Comm Klein made a motion to appoint Comm Jason Weigel to the South Central Area Library Board, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried. This board meets quarterly.

Comm Klein made a motion to appoint Comm Heidinger to the Museum Board, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. This board meets quarterly.

Comm Klein made a motion to appoint Rory Metz to the Weed Board, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Edgeley Splicken Country Club applied for a Beer, Liquor, and Sunday opening license. Comm Flath made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Comm Heidinger. Motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to open the Courthouse east door, recommend masks, and practice social distance effective Wednesday, February 3, 2021, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried.

Auditor Jan Hamlin let everyone know that the next commissioner meeting will be Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. instead of the date printed on the current agenda.

Break 9:25 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, joined the meeting for the abatement hearings and Vanguard letter of transmittal.

Chairman Miller opened up the Abatement hearing for Dominic Hanson at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Hanson was not present. It is for Lots 13-16, Block 68, NP Addition LaMoure. The parcel number is 33-0268160. The property address is 22 4th Ave NW, LaMoure, ND. The tax year requested is 2020. The request is for Disabled Veterans Credit. The recommendation from the City of LaMoure was accepted. Comm Flath made a motion to accept the abatement from the purchase date of the house for the Disabled Veterans Credit, seconded by Comm Klein. Motion carried. A letter will be mailed to Mr. Hanson with the commissioner's decision.

Chairman Miller opened up the Abatement hearing for Brenda Haugen at 9:45 a.m. Ms. Haugen was not present. It is for Lots 5 & 6, Block 48, Original LaMoure. The parcel number is 33-0148060. The property address is 112 4th St NW, LaMoure, ND. The tax year requested is 2020. The request is for abatement due to a house fire. The house is not livable. The recommendation from the City of LaMoure was accepted. Comm Flath made a motion to prorate taxes back to the date of the fire, seconded by Comm Weigel. Motion carried. A letter will be mailed to Ms. Haugen with the commissioner's decision.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, ask the commissioners for their input on Vanguard's reappraisal on residential properties. The commissioners had some discussion and questions on how Vanguard came up with map factors, location adjustments, value on first acre for rural residence, etc. Bob Ehler with Vanguard was called to explain and answer any questions for the commissioners. Denice said that on Monday her office will be mailing NOI letters. Any property owner who has 10% and \$3,000 increase in property value will receive a letter. A link with what the property was valued at before the appraisal and what it went to after the appraisal will be on the county website. Information hearings will start on February 22, 2021. You will need to call the Tax Equalization Office for an appointment. After lengthy discussion, Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve Vanguard's letter of transmittal but allow 25%

location obsolescence to all rural townships that are not included in the unincorporated cities, seconded by Comm Klein. Roll call vote Comm Weigel-yes; Comm Flath-yes; Comm Heidinger-yes; Comm Klein-yes; and Chairman Miller-yes. Motion carried.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A W DIESEL SERVICE	1,841.74
ALLIED ENERGY	66.10
APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC.	457.00
BANKNORTH	580.00
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	12.05
BUILDERS MART	147.30
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	244.79
CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT	2,070.00
CITY OF KULM	75.09
COLE PAPERS INC	87.81
COMPUTER EXPRESS	17,439.71
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	192.78
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	175.00
DEERE & COMPANY	1,305.60
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,521.02
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
EDLAND/KAREN	4,000.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	700.00
GOOD OIL COMPANY	60.20
HALVORSON AUTO	6,500.00
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	628.62
HENRY SCHEIN	650.93
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	502.60
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	25,960.04
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	81.54
KULM MESSENGER	165.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	24.49
LAMOURE HARDWARE	829.56
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,928.99
LEAF	121.00
MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS INC	614.34
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	112.13
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	1,200.50
ND COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND SACCHO	500.00
ND SAFETY COUNCIL	320.00
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	11,740.68
NDACO	1,335.35
NORTH DAKOTA ONE CALL	1.20
NORTHWEST TIRE INC	2,606.99
OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY	3,135.50
PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC	94.50
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	126.88
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
QUILL CORPORATION	623.16
R & S COLLISION CENTER, INC.	1,528.64
SCHOOL OUTFITTERS	360.74
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	3,059.73
STUTSMAN COUNTY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE	5,600.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.28
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP.	935.50
TOBACCO FREE ND	1,000.00
TRI-COUNTY NEWS	165.00
US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	123.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	22,086.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	364.51
3D SPECIALTIES	644.86

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JANICE HAMLIN, County Auditor