

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING-  
March 15, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 15, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, and Keith Heidinger, State's Attorney James Shockman, Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Treasurer Cindy Worrel, and Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were Commissioner Lee Miller, DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins, Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail and Brian Bjerrum with Flint Resources. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. The additions included Deputy Sheriffs, Service Master, Southeast Judicial Judgeship vacancy, and museum. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the March 1 minutes, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, started with the 2022 price list. He said a fuel charge may need to be added to the 2022 prices. He would like it approved today so he can bring it to the township meetings. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the 2022 price list Josh presented, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. The job listings for summer help will go out in this week's paper. The application due date is April 1. Josh said that five of the six from last year's crew will be returning so only one new employee will be hired. The proposals for engineering and design engineering for the bridge south of Adrian on CR 63 are due March 17. Comm Miller volunteered to be on the selection committee. Josh signed a \$5,000 contract with KLJ to do a broad overview of the plan for the micro surfacing project for CR 66 and CR 60. McHenry County does a lot of micro surfacing instead of asphalt and it has been successful. They started this in 2018. They grind off half to one inch depending on the road and do a double layer of the micro-surfacing, which is  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lift. Josh would like to chip seal a year or two after the micro-surfacing. The cost back in November for the micro-surfacing only was \$80,000 to \$90,000 per mile. The state ARPA will cover the cost of this project. This would not be recommended on the Jud Road. That road will need to be an overlay. Josh will have a bid opening for this project May 3. Josh opened the culvert bids. TrueNorth and Contech submitted bids for steel culverts. Last year we were charged \$19.49 for 18" 16 gauge and this year it would be \$34.93 from Contech and \$28.05 from TrueNorth. Josh would like to use Forterra as the concrete culvert vendor. They asked that the county request quotes when/if needed. Princso submitted a bid for plastic culverts. Comm Flath made a motion to accept all bids received for culverts and use TrueNorth, Contech, and Forterra as vendors, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Josh opened the road oil bid from Flint Hills. CRS-2P last year was \$537 per ton delivered and now is \$703.39. The 150S last year was just under \$500 per ton delivered and now is \$647.17. Josh said we will be adjusting the mileage. Brian with Flint Hills said the prices are up due to oil prices. Brian doesn't expect a shortage of product or any issues with trucking the product. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the road oil bid from Flint Hills, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins started by showing a draft of the upgrade/rebuild of the county website with accessibility in mind. Kimberly went over the third/final spring flood outlook issued on March 10. The modeled snow water equivalent indicates some areas have up to 4 inches. The next six to ten days have little precipitation expected. March and April have trends near to below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures. The Pipestem Dam is 95.7% full and the Jamestown Reservoir is 31.1% full. The James River at the LaMoure gage shows a current reading as of March 12 at 26% minor flooding at 14 feet, 12% moderate flooding at 16 feet, and less than 5% major flooding at 18 feet. Kimberly has scheduled a flood planning meeting today for the City of LaMoure and LaMoure County officials to go over our flood resources. Kimberly introduced Jason Horning, who is with NDACo, as the Next Generation 9-1-1 Program Manager. He is also in charge of the GIS Program. LaMoure County as a whole currently does not have anyone who leads the entire GIS Program. NDACo created the GIS Program in response to a need for many counties. The program will "provide GIS map products and analysis that assist in the decision-making process and to seek efficiencies for all members through an application of GIS technology." The scope of services: provide counties in need with access to qualified GIS resources and services; perform data analysis and create digital map exhibits as needed for decision-makers and the public; improve efficiencies at the county level through an application of GIS technology and online mapping services; and serve as a GIS liaison for counties with state and federal partners as deemed appropriate. The NDACo GIS Program is envisioned not to replace county

employees or vendor relationships, but to support counties to increase their usage of GIS data and GIS technologies. The program will begin April 1, 2022, and the cost is \$3,375 per year which covers eight hours of service per month. The data created is the property of LaMoure County. The program will not replace nor maintain programs for parcel data, 911 addressing, or highway inventory. This program would be beneficial for the Auditor's Office, DES/911 Office, Highway Department, and possibly other offices. The Highway Department does have some GIS capability in-house. They created the data and maintain the data for all their inventories and have one or two disasters on GIS. Creating the data is a time-consuming part of GIS. Chairman Klein said it was a good presentation. The consensus was the commissioners would like more time to study this so will table it for a future meeting.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, said parcel number 39-9999118 is a mobile home that burned in the fall of 2021 and the owner had paid the taxes for the full year in January 2021. There should be an abatement in the amount of \$62.63 for 2022 mobile home property tax. Comm Heidinger made a motion to cancel the taxes on that mobile home, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Sheriff Fernandes joined the meeting. Comm Flath said the county has excess vehicles and now is the prime time to put them up for sale. Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, said his department has a number of things to sell and online bidding is the way to go if the county can do that. Sheriff Fernandes may have some vehicles to sell as well this fall. State's Attorney, James Shockman, wants to look at the laws specifically and see what is the proper procedure. This is an early discussion on the topic. Chairman Klein wants both departments to do an inventory of what could go up for sale and when. It will be brought back for discussion at a later date.

Sheriff Fernandes said the City of Edgeley has a new mayor and expressed interest in contracting with the Sheriff's Department again. Sheriff Fernandes said the mayor of Kulm was also interested. Comm Weigel said he and Sheriff Fernandes will meet with the mayors and see what they want and expect. The county had contracted with Edgeley in the past but quit because they were tired of being the only city in the county paying for services. The other issue was there was a problem with Edgeley City ordinances being enforced since they were not on file with the state. The City of LaMoure has their own police department. Chairman Klein would like the results of the meeting with the mayors brought back to the commissioners.

Public Health Director, Jessica Duffy, gave a building update. LaMoure County Health, LaMoure County custodian, and Human Services met with the architect. They discussed the space needed if the county were to build a new building. The architect is going to bring the ideas back to her team and start putting together a first draft of plans and numbers. LaMoure County Public Health had a board meeting and there were some motions made. Motion number one: Brandi Klussman made a motion to recommend that the LaMoure County Commissioners pursue building a public health facility in the city of LaMoure at the predetermined location adjacent to the Bank North Mall (19 Center Avenue W). Coralynn Dallmann seconded. Passed Unanimously. Motion number two: Coralynn Dallmann motioned to approve asking the commission for more time working with the architect so the public health building project can continue to move forward. Jenna Long seconded. Passed unanimously. Comm Weigel asked Jessica if she would still consider a satellite clinic in Edgeley. Jessica said that she is hoping when they get the added services there will be a satellite place to meet people instead of going to everyone's home individually. That way they could see more people. She would be open for discussion on that and looking further into how that could work in different communities. Comm Miller asked Jessica if other offices from the courthouse were taken into consideration with the building plans. Jessica said the only offices brought to her attention were Human Services and yes, they were included. All the commissioners were good with moving forward with the location and keeping up with the architect. The next step is to see what numbers come back from the architect and advertise/solicit bids for the project. The plan is to keep the building project update on every agenda.

Auditor Hamlin said the commissioners will need to set the polling locations and hours for the Primary Election on June 14. She suggested two polling locations, one at the LaMoure American Legion and the other at the Edgeley Armory. The commissioners would like to see the polls open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Comm Flath made a motion to set the LaMoure American Legion Post #19 and the Edgeley National Guard Armory as the polling sites with the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath left the meeting.

Break 9:58 a.m. to 10:02 a.m.

The commissioners addressed the issue of the retirement of Judge Blumer and the judicial vacancy process triggered by that. As a rural county our board is concerned about the impact of losing a judgeship and the impact it would have on our largely rural district. The following resolution will be drafted: Resolution of LaMoure County Commissioner on SE Judicial District Judgeship. LaMoure County supports maintaining and filling the vacant judge position to maintain the current level of judicial positions in the Southeast Judicial District. We believe this judgeship is necessary for effective judicial administration in this district and in LaMoure County. Our district is very rural and covers a large area of the state and many counties. LaMoure County and other rural areas would be affected in a negative way by the loss of this position in our District. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve a resolution supporting to keep the SE Judicial District Judgeship, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Klein said Roger Loegering, our custodian, will be on medical leave and in his absence, the county could contract with Service Master. Service Mater provided a sheet with the services they previously provided to the courthouse in 2016 and the cost of \$400 for services twice a week. Comm Weigel made a motion to use Service Master during Roger’s absence, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger said the museum board will be meeting on March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement meeting room. There are two vacant board members to be filled. They will go over the names of individuals wishing to be on the museum board. If you are interested, please let one of the other board members know or you can attend the meeting in person. Once the museum board decides on the two individuals, they will bring their recommendation to the commissioners.

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>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	744.00
ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY	85.05
ALLIED ENERGY	804.89
AT&T MOBILITY	61.47
AVID HAWK LLC	375.00
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	136.12
BOHNENSTINGL/SHANEL	56.00
BOOM/KARIN	500.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	6,353.07
CENEX FLEETCARD	1,066.19
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	906.54
CHAVEZ/IZABEL	300.00
COLE PAPERS INC	121.20
COMFORT SUITES	172.80
COMPUTER EXPRESS	129.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	141.18
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,445.06
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
EDGELEY AMBULANCE	450.00
EDGELEY POST PROM	100.00
ELLINGSON/DANA	133.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	1,050.00
ESCOSUPPLY	4,051.20
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
FLECK/JEFF	114.52
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	3,295.70
GOOD/LAURIE	544.46
HAMLIN/JANICE	323.35
HEIDINGER/KEITH	450.93
HEPPER OLSON ARCHITECTS	5,904.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,378.25
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	12.98
JOHNSON MFG INC	3.93

KLEIN/BRUCE	421.06
KLEIN/REECE	133.00
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	7,891.00
KOVAL/JUDY	36.00
KULM GROCERY	28.54
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	17.48
KULM POST PROM	100.00
L & O ACRES TRANSPORT, INC.	2,511.60
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,353.94
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	52.39
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	192.56
LAMOURE HARDWARE	428.80
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,311.98
LAMOURE POST PROM	100.00
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	301.40
LEXIPOL LLC	3,314.36
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	50.60
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	30,144.44
MILLER/LEE	267.86
NATIONAL ASSN OF COUNTIES	450.00
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS	275.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	11.50
NELSON AUTO CENTER	34,179.00
NORMONT	8,185.17
NORTHWEST TIRE INC	283.78
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	1,475.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	1,211.88
PEARL LAKE TOWNSHIP	2,000.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	382.95
RANSOM COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	221.60
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	308.80
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,468.98
STRATA CORPORATION	8,000.00
STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	5,025.00
VAN ZEE/LUCAS	763.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	711.66
WASTE MANAGEMENT	283.28
WEIGEL/JASON	498.28
WENDEL/SHEILA	187.20
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2022

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BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

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JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor