

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING-
April 5, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 5, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, and Lee Miller, State's Attorney James Shockman, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle, Lynn Lambrecht with i3G Media, Cheryl Nelson, and Christine Hatton at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:34 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the March 15 minutes, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, started with the 2023 budget. He would like to get a new plow truck and a new blade. The truck would be \$130,000 and the snow equipment \$133,000. He will need approval by the end of April for that pricing and for 2023 delivery. The trucks we bought in 2020 were around \$205,000 and now they are at \$263,000. The new truck would be all hydraulic cylinders so that is part of the increase in price. The Kulm blade will have to be bid out with an ad in the paper for two weeks and will need to be ordered a year in advance. Blading and crack sealing did not start this week as planned due to the weather. Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative applied for a utility permit to bore under CR 34 and ND State Highway 1. They are transferring a power line underground. Josh had no issues and recommended the approval. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the bore permit for Dakota Valley Electric, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye motion carried. Comm Miller and Josh did an interview on March 31 for the NDDOT Bridge Funds 23-124-05.0 south of Adrian. They plan to add a guardrail and possible widen the bridge. KLJ was the only applicant for the design engineering and they are recommending them for the project. Comm Flath made a motion to accept KLJ as the engineer and certified we followed all federal laws with the project, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. The micro surfacing plans are complete and they include CR 66 and CR 60 which include the Litchville and Lake Road (19 total miles). Advertising for bids will begin on April 12. The bid opening will be at the May 3 commissioner meeting. Josh Loegering gave his notice of resignation with an effective date of May 31. Chairman Klein said we appreciate all the work you have done for the county and wished him well.

Lynn Lambrecht with i3G Media out of Jamestown attended the meeting to discuss adding an 18-pound piece of equipment to the county tower at Harmsen's Hill to use for a FM translator signal. This would give them a stronger signal when broadcasting games in LaMoure. They would be willing to do a structure study on the tower to make sure their equipment could be supported. They would like to have it done by fall. Currently, they rent space with the City of Carrington and pay \$200 per month and have a four-year agreement. Comm Flath made a motion to pursue a tower structural analysis on Harmsen's Hill tower and i3G Medica would pay for the study, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave an update on LaMoure County Storm Ready. Storm Ready is preparing communities for extreme weather events. LaMoure County first completed this application and received this status in 2012. We had to establish a 24-hour warning point which is Stutsman County Law Enforcement Center and an EOC. We created a system that monitors weather conditions locally. We promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars. We also have developed a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises. The renewal is due April 27th. The 2022 is a partial renewal where we review the application and send a letter requesting renewal. The 2026 renewal will be a full one with in-person visits from the National Weather Service. Comm Weigel made a motion to have Chairman Klein sign the StormReady renewal letter, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried. The James River at LaMoure reached a height of 10.98 feet just before midnight on March 21. The current height is below 8.0 feet. The releases were minimized to plan for a low flow year. Kimberly gave an update on the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). On Monday April 4th, the North Dakota Department of Agriculture shared that "the first commercial flocks have been affected in Dickey and LaMoure Counties. Bird owners should review their biosecurity practices and stay vigilant to protect poultry and pet birds from this disease." The North Dakota Department of Agriculture will update the HPAI cases in North Dakota on their website at noon each day, Monday through Friday. The USDA website is also updated by 11:00 a.m. each day with cases across the United States. County Agent, Julianne Racine, started

putting information on the extension social media sites about water security and reports of sick and dead birds. Julianne suggested to keeping backyard flocks sheltered. The disease is spread through saliva, mucus, and feces. If you have a sick bird, quarantine them and call your vet. When you are working with the birds, wear different footwear, wash your hands, and try to keep everything as clean as possible. Report sick and dead wild birds to Game and Fish and call your vet for your own flock. The biosecurity Information is available on the county website or call Julianne at 883-6080 and she can help with online entry.

County Extension Agent, Julianne Racine did commit to having an Advisory Council for the Extension Office and she is asking for one of the county commissioners to be a member. It will be a 12–15 member board and they will meet quarterly.

Comm Heidinger said there are two museum board vacancies. There were six individuals interested. The museum board met and narrowed it down to four who are Sonya Albertson, Robert Cox, Cheryl Nelson, and Billi Warcken. Comm Heidinger said all individuals have an interest in the museum and would help even if they aren't on the board. The commissioners cast their two votes on a paper ballot and Auditor Hamlin tallied the votes. Sonya Albertson and Billi Warcken were the top two vote-getters with four votes each. Comm Flath made a motion to appoint Sonya Albertson and Billi Warcken to the LaMoure County Museum Board, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. The next museum board meeting will be on April 14 at 6:30 p.m. The location will be at the museum if the weather is favorable.

Sonya Albertson did some research on the history of the courthouse and has the information to create a LaMoure County Courthouse Brochure. She has someone willing to design the brochure for \$25 per hour and LaMoure Printing would print 50 copies at 50 cents apiece. She said there is money in the Scenic Backway fund. The total estimated cost is \$125. Comm Miller made a motion to proceed with the brochures with a \$150 budget, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Billi Warcken volunteered to give courthouse tours.

Treasurer, Cindy Worrel, requested an abatement for 2020 taxes on parcel number 04-1204150 which qualified for 100 percent homestead credit. The proper paperwork has been filed. The county will file the homestead credit with the state in 2022. Comm Weigel made a motion to accept the abatement, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried. Cindy stated the law has changed in the disposition of proceeds from the November tax sale, NDCC 57-28-20. If the sale price is over the asking price, the owner of the title of the real estate listed in the notice of foreclosure of tax lien can file for the excess proceeds within ninety days of the sale. If no one files a claim after the ninety day retention period, the money goes to the unclaimed property administrator. Cindy informed the commissioners that \$1,996.72 will go to unclaimed property at the state.

Tax Director, Denice Porter, asked to table the Homestead and Vet Credits.

Comm Flath made a motion to approve the local permit applications for National Barrel Horse Association ND District 2 and Memorial Park Country Club, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the gaming site authorization for North Dakota Buffalo Foundation to have gaming at Horseshoe Saloon, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Break 9:51 a.m. to 10:01 a.m.

The Memorial Park Board quarterly meeting was called to order by Park Board Chairman Lee Miller at approximately 10:01 a.m. Park Board members present were: Bruce Klein, Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Billi Warcken, Sonya Albertson, and Curwood Seefeldt. Park Supervisor, Kevin Shockman, was in attendance. The seasonal help returning will be Weston Klein and Molly Robbins. It was decided that Weston will be full-time and Molly will be part-time. Kevin Shockman would like one more part time employee. He did have this position last year and the employee left so a temporary employee was hired for the remainder of the season. This job will have to be advertised. Curwood made a motion to give the returning employees a \$1.00 an hour raise and the new hire rate will be based on experience, seconded by Jason Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried. The hiring committee will be Bruce and Kevin. The seasonal letter will need to be updated and mailed. The date set for the seasonal campers to come to the park is May 10th but the electricity will not be turned on until May 13th. Jason Weigel gave an update on the bathhouse. The project plan will add a shower to both bathrooms and the building will be ADA

compliant. Jason Mathern will be doing the work and purchase the material from Solinger Lumber Inc. of Nortonville. Estimates came back from Dakota Valley \$9,593.20, Solinger Lumber \$46,156.68, bathroom partitions \$5,531.00, floor \$7,000, and labor \$51,687.68. The total estimated cost is \$119,968.56. The project will not need to be bid out since it is under \$200,000. Bruce Klein made a motion to approve the remodel of the bathhouse at LaMoure County Memorial Park, seconded by Billi Warcken. All voting aye, motion carried. Jason Mathern will start the project soon. A committee consisting of Curwood Seefeldt, Kevin Shockman, and Billi Warcken will create a new park sign and have it made by Newman Signs out of Jamestown. Kevin let the board know the auditorium stage is buckling and will need to be fixed. Kevin will have Jason Mathern look at it. The board will review the superintendent's job duties. Billi Warcken will contact Roger Koble and Jake Anderson to get a quote and see if they will install the playground equipment. The park board meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

The commissioner meeting reconvened.

Comm Flath gave an update on the Public Health building project. They are still pursuing the project at the selected location and working with the architect. The Public Health board will be meeting April 14th and know more at the next commissioner meeting.

Auditor, Jan Hamlin, presented information on Neogov. It is a company that the county could utilize for posting job openings. The job board goes out nationwide. A single post would cost \$199 and would be on the site for 60 days. The post could be extended for an additional 60 day for another \$199. The county could also get an unlimited subscription for unlimited posting for a year and the price for that would be \$788. Comm Weigel made a motion to go with the unlimited subscription for \$788, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Miller made a motion for LaMoure County to have Vote by Mail as another option for the June Primary Election, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

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>
ALLIED ENERGY	797.53
ALLSTATE PETERBILT	18.90
A1 RADIATOR SALES & REPAIR	520.00
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	66.68
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	973.74
CITY OF KULM	75.76
COMPUTER EXPRESS	4,239.98
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	210.02
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	3,190.93
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	231.00
DYNAMIC GRAIN SYSTEMS, LLC	50.00
EDGELEY MAIL	279.10
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	2,387.05
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	2,822.07
GOOD OIL COMPANY	33,569.40
GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP	2,000.00
HAKUNA MATATA	34.00
HEATLAND STATE BANK/VISA	8,260.64
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	1,852.42
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	30.23
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	248.90
JAMESTOWN COMMUNICATIONS	400.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	67.38
KULM AMBULANCE CORPS	409.18
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	68.07
KULM MESSENGER	364.12
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	221.25
LAMOURE CITY	187.14
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	23.08
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	176.96
LAMOURE HARDWARE	1,093.82
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	2,926.85
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	165.00
LEAF	120.40
LEXIS-NEXIS	198.31

LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	398.75
LOGO 2 PROMO	374.00
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	2,485.40
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	75.75
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	12.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	4,864.04
ND RECORDERS ASSOCIATION	200.00
ND SAFETY COUNCIL	610.00
NORTHWEST TIRE INC	1,924.16
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	5,800.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	3,185.19
PFIZER, INC.	1,467.60
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	424.69
QUILL CORPORATION	620.99
RACINE/JULIANNE	265.59
RIDDLE/JAMES	11.70
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	32.76
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	53.53
TEXAS REFINERY CORP	4,281.75
TRI-COUNTY NEWS	277.50
ULMER/AL	70.20
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	48.32
VERIZON WIRELESS	603.49
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	206.04

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor