

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING-
May 17, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 17, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger, and Lee Miller, Katie Sarbaum with the State's Attorney's Office, Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering, Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle, Matt Lange and Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ, and David Holweg and Isaac VanEnk with the City of Marion. Attending by teleconference were DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins, Billi Warcken, and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:28 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. The addition was the City of Marion. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the May 3 minutes, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Road Superintendent, Josh Loegering, recommended approval of township road certification miles. He stated that there were 1103.5 miles in 2018, 1065.6 miles in 2020, and 1056.00 miles in 2022. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the 2022 certified miles presented, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Josh said they are working through the first round of township blading. They are also installing two to three culverts a day for townships and the county. The first crack sealing crew started today.

Josh recommended taking the load restrictions off on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 a.m. The state restrictions may be on for another week.

The City of Marion requested a utility permit for the west side of CR 61 from Marion to 1.25 miles south. David Holweg, Mayor for the City of Marion, said that it will now have to be for the east side of CR 61. Mayor Holweg reported that they are working on a dike and it should be completed today. A gage was put on Boom Lake. The reading this morning was 1458.1 and spillover for the lake is 1458.5. The City of Marion has filed for an emergency drain. The local Water Resource district approved it last Friday. The state is reviewing the application for the emergency drain. The City of Marion would like to do the drain right from the beginning. They have an engineer helping with the design so they can eventually make it permanent and not have to go through the extra expense. The City of Marion will bring a new utility permit request to the next meeting for approval.

Comm Miller made a motion to approve the bid from AsTech for the micro surfacing project of 18.8 miles on CR 66 and CR 60, seconded by Comm Weigel. Roll call vote: Comm Miller-yes; Comm Heidinger-yes; Comm Weigel-yes; Comm Flath-yes; and Chairman Klein-yes. All voting aye, motion carried. The project will cost \$2.1 million. There is \$1.5 million in state ARPA funds for this project. The county will be responsible for the remaining \$600,000 to \$700,000. This project will start the end of summer. The road will never be shut down during the project. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve KLJ as the engineer for this project upon the review of the State's Attorney, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, gave her presentation. She said it is that time of year for the annual Walk @ Work as part of the fitness program. Governor Burgum encourages this program as walking provides many benefits as well as incorporating physical activity into your day. Several different options are available for employees to take part in this 15-minute walk break outside in the month of May.

Kimberly said that North Dakota State Radio rates will increase effective July 1, 2023. Currently, there are 25 counties using State Radio. The charges are based on wireless and wired lines in your county. McKenzie County may be leaving State Radio and dispatching on their own. The rate increase if McKenzie County stays would be 2% from \$1.36 to \$1.39. If McKenzie County leaves, the rate increase would be 11% from \$1.36 to \$1.51. Kimberly will budget for the \$1.51 due to the uncertainty of what will happen.

The North Dakota Department of Water Resources installed PRESENS units on 05/10/2022 at Boom and Twin Lakes. As of May 16, Boom Lake was at 1458.089, the outlet is 1458.5. As of May 16, Twin Lake

was at 1401.405, modified outlet is 1402.2. The studies are available on the Department of Water Resources website.

The LaMoure County townships/county road damage is estimated over \$100,000 from the April 22 storm and flooding so is eligible for FEMA funding. There are eight townships (Grand Rapids, Greenville, Black Loam, Litchville, Nora, Mikkelson, Prairie, Ray) and one city (Marion) that have turned in damages to date.

The USACE had a temporary gage available which will be installed on the James River near Adrian. The action stage for flooding at the James River in LaMoure is 12.0 feet with minor flood stage at 14.0 feet. The Pipestem Dam inflows remain over 1,000 cfs releasing only 100 cfs. The Jamestown Dam inflows over 3,000 cfs, releasing only 660 cfs. It is likely we will see additional increases of releases this week.

The State Homeland Security Grant must be submitted by Thursday. The projects to be submitted will be: are you prepared/you are the help brochure and advertisement; cybersecurity-tape recorder; lighting, video, access control for evidence building; printer and identification (rapid tag) materials; and video cameras for Memorial Park.

Hanson Township in Ransom County has stated they will no longer maintain and place a road closed sign on a township road. This township road borders Greenville Township in LaMoure County and currently serves sole access to a LaMoure County residence. Hanson Township claims they were denied FEMA funding in the spring of 2019 so will be denied funding in the future. DES/911 Coordinator, Kimberly Robbins, said that they may not have completed the 2019 FEMA project but might still have time. Luke Yohe who lives at the residence stated that Hanson Township did recently fix the road so he can get to his property. Highway Superintendent, Josh Loegering, will look into the cost of additional pipe. The LaMoure County State's Attorney will be consulted and the item will be brought back to the next commissioner meeting.

Comm Weigel said he received a \$3,564 quote from Dakota Valley for a water softener at the park. At the last meeting, the quote from High Plains Water was around \$5,000. Comm Weigel found out that the Dakota Valley softener could not be winterized. Neither company could get one for six to eight weeks. After discussion, the commissioners decided to purchase from High Plains Water.

Auditor Hamlin said that as of 8:00 a.m. 05/17/22 there have been 754 ballots mailed and 171 ballots returned.

Break 9:38 a.m. to 9:48 a.m.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AGRI VALLEY INSURANCE	48.00
ALLIED ENERGY	751.61
AT&T MOBILITY	61.31
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	1,310.11
BI INCORPORATED	284.80
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	3,475.08
BUILDERS MART	211.41
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,443.31
CENEX FLEETCARD	2,449.69
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	5,898.92
CHAMP SOFTWARE INC	4,146.00
CHS DAKOTA PLAINS AG	23.04
COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,760.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA SKID STEERS, LLC	106.29
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	110.57
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	1,548.83
FLATH/ROBERT	300.00
FORUM COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	131.22
GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT	134.82
HEIDINGER/KEITH	591.88

HEPPER OLSON ARCHITECTS	3,864.00
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	40.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,428.35
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	141.95
KLEIN/BRUCE	545.05
KULM GROCERY	101.74
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	430.02
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	1.19
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	175.94
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	9.00
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	23.60
MALM/LUCINDA	2,221.91
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	411.21
MILLER/LEE	648.59
NARDINI	345.75
ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	1,281.33
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	7,416.74
ND STATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	18,190.91
NELSON INTERNATIONAL	1,215.13
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	385.00
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	1,065.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,343.12
PHARMCHEM INC	94.35
PIEHL/TORIE	389.45
PITNEY BOWES	456.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	346.90
QUILL CORPORATION	189.01
RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	345.60
RICHLAND COUNTY EXTENSION	39.00
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	58.50
SANFORD HEALTH	125.00
SANFORD HEALTH OCCMED	35.00
SERVICE MASTER	1,400.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,493.31
STEPP MFG	956.14
STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	2,700.00
THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	183.58
VERIZON WIRELESS	454.83
VISTOS CARQUEST	238.42
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO	893.99
WASTE MANAGEMENT	283.28
WE'RE SCHMOKIN' NOW	385.00
WEIGEL/JASON	373.13
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00
YOUNG/SAVANNAH	1,000.00

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF JUNE, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor