

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING-
June 7, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 7, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Keith Heidinger, Jason Weigel, Bob Flath, and Lee Miller, Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert, Auditor Jan Hamlin, and Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle. Attending by teleconference was State's Attorney, James Shockman and DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Klein asked for additions to the agenda. The additions were application name change for Horseshoe Saloon and Memorial Park. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the May 17 minutes, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert said the crews are currently working on washed-out roads, replacing or adding culverts, crushing and hauling gravel, and working on the low water crossing at Fairview Colony. The blades have started and most are on their second rounds. The crack sealing and leveling crews are out working. Tim said the rock supply is low but there will be enough left for the Kartes bridge project. The box for the Kartes bridge project will be done in three weeks. Chairman Klein said it was brought to his attention that a small dike was put on a county right-of-way without the county's permission. State's Attorney, James Shockman said the first step is to send the individual a letter. He will draft and send the letter once he has all the information.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave her presentation. She started with the storm and flooding events from April 22 through May 25. LaMoure County township/county road damage is estimated over \$300,000. This event included county sites, the City of Marion, Grand Rapids, Greenville, Grandview, Bluebird, Glenmore, Ryan, Pearl Lake, Ovid, Sheridan, Black Loam, Litchville, Nora, Mikkelson, Prairie and Ray townships. The county is still accepting damage estimates from townships for this event. The spring flooding of 2019 was over \$500,000, the fall of 2019 was over \$300,000, the spring of 2020 was under \$200,000, the summer of 2021 was under \$100,000, and the spring of 2022 is over \$300,000.

Boom Lake continues to rise. The City of Marion has implemented emergency protective measures with two dikes protecting the community. The current elevation is 1458.78 which is past the north overflow. The dikes are built to 1460.5. The lake dropped three inches in May of 2021 but in May of 2022 it rose over eleven inches. The United States Army Corps of Engineers were on site on June 3 and looked at the dikes. The city must continue to evaluate the dikes for erosion. The city is working with an engineer for temporary drain options but they are not available for this meeting.

The continued rains have moved operations on the James River to a high flow year. The release range for the current condition is 750-1200 cfs. Release on June 1 for Pipestem was 400 cfs and Jamestown was at 800 cfs for a combined 1,200 cfs. The gage on the James River at Adrian has been active since May 18. The gage on the James River at LaMoure will stay above 10 feet with releases at 1,200 cfs.

The current level at Twin Lake is 1401.79. The lake dropped three inches in May of 2021 but has risen five inches in May 2022.

In March 2022, the commissioners approved the project to upgrade/rebuild the current county website to have a modern look and feel as well as built to have accessibility in mind. The website has been updated.

KLJ Engineering was on the agenda for forms that needed to be reviewed and signed. They have been reviewed by the State's Attorney and have been signed.

Tax Director Denice Porter, LaMoure County Assessor Naomi Walker, and Treasurer Cindy Worrel joined the meeting.

Chairman Klein opened the LaMoure County Tax Equalization meeting at 9:00 a.m. for the cities. No one was in attendance for the cities.

Chairman Klein opened the LaMoure County Tax Equalization meeting at 9:35 a.m. for the townships. Cindy Worrel asked to speak in regards to the townships. Cindy explained that she understands the first

acre is valued at \$20,000 and each acre after that is \$2,000 which she feels is high after the Vangaard reevaluation for residential. She feels the remaining acres should be reduced. She said she currently has 5.3 acres and her property is already established and feels she is getting penalized with the extra acres. Cindy has visited with surrounding counties and their values are less than LaMoure County. Cindy also stated that some of the other counties have a formula for land that contains trees. Tax Director Denice Porter said that LaMoure County needs a soils committee to come up with a formula for trees and other things. Chairman Klein asked when those surrounding counties have done their reappraisals. Cindy replied she wasn't sure.

Tax Director Denice Porter presented the inundated acres report. March 31 of each year is the deadline to file an application. There were three farmers that didn't return their applications. If applications are not returned, values return to true and full. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the 5,116 inundated acres, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

The commissioners then went over the homestead property tax credit. Denice said that there were 12-20 more applications this year. The homestead credit is for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. The deadline to file an application is February 1 of each year. You may qualify for a property tax credit or partial refund of the rent you pay if you are 65 years of age and it is based on income requirements. Also, there are exemptions for an individual with a permanent or total disability with no age requirement. Comm Flath made a motion to approve three properties that qualified for 100% exemption due to disabilities, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

LaMoure County's sales ratios in 2021 were: residential 98%, commercial 95%, and ag 92%. The current 2022 sales ratios are: residential 91%, commercial 95%, and ag 97%. The state will accept the sales ratios in the range of 90% to 100%. Comm Heidinger made a motion to set the sales ratios for 2022: residential 91%, commercial 94%, and lower ag to 94%, seconded by Comm Miller. Roll call vote: Comm Miller yes; Comm Flath yes; Comm Weigel yes; Comm Heidinger yes; and Chairman Klein yes. Motion carried.

Tax Director Denice Porter mentioned that about twenty farmers have not filed their application or a statement for farm exemption. The commissioners stated that this is a state law and Denice has to go out and assess them.

Dickey Bar applied for a special event permit to sell beer, wine, and mixed drinks on June 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the former The Field in Adrian. This event is being sponsored by Wildflowers Gather by Tesa Klein. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye motion carried.

Policy changes were next on the agenda. The commissioners are starting the discussion on policies needing updating in the employee manual, clearing up some language, and deciding on holidays. States Attorney James Shockman said that HR Consultant Tanya Wieler just got the policy changes out so he would like more time to review them. Tanya is willing to come to LaMoure to discuss all the items but the commissioners will need to make a decision today if Juneteenth will be observed this year as a holiday. The commissioners will implement all the other policy changes at a future meeting when Tanya is available. Comm Heidinger made a motion to amend the current holiday policy so the county follows the state or county holidays which wouldn't include Juneteenth, but approve the day after Thanksgiving as a day off with pay, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Horseshoe Saloon has gone to an LLC. They would like to change their liquor and beer license to the current name with the LLC. The owners remain the same and all the paperwork is complete with the state. Comm Flath made a motion to amend their current license to include the LLC, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Former Highway Superintendent Josh Loegering applied for the Highway Safety Improvement Program Project for better lighting at the entrance to Memorial Park. The county was notified that this project has been approved for 2026.

Comm Heidinger reported that the museum is open for the season. It will be open on Saturday and Sunday. We invite any interested volunteers to host a weekend or a Saturday or Sunday. The museum is planning for their 40th anniversary this summer. A planning meeting will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement meeting room. Comm Miller suggested that it be announced at the Pioneer Picnic that the museum is open.

Comm Heidinger made a motion to close the LaMoure County Tax Equalization meeting for the cities and townships at 10:18 a.m., seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.
 Break 10:18 a.m. to 10:27 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>
ALBERTSON/SONYA	175.50
ALLIED ENERGY	33.98
BANKNORTH	1,160.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	66.68
BI INCORPORATED	414.40
BOBCAT OF GWINNER	3,233.63
BUILDERS MART	396.00
CAPITAL I INDUSTRIES INC.	1,662.61
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	41.00
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	74.92
COLE PAPERS INC	93.84
COMPUTER EXPRESS	175.99
D VENTURE	100.00
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	87.50
DAKOTA MAILING & SHIPPING EQUIP. INC	101.46
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	8,578.64
DALLMANN/CORALYNN	40.95
DATHE CONSTRUCTION	115.80
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,313.89
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS	462.00
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	1,936.45
DUFFY/JESSICA	23.40
ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV	198.34
EDGELEY DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS	100.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	715.18
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	438.95
GOOD OIL COMPANY	2,383.04
GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT	72.73
HAMLIN/JANICE	24.57
HARMSSEN'S GREENHOUSE	903.32
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	2,897.27
HIGH PLAINS WATER	2,500.00
HI-WAY SERVICENTER,INC	243.36
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT	1,433.25
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	1,650.00
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF ND	504.85
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	733.57
KETTERLING/JACKIE	68.52
KULM MESSENGER	397.72
KULM SERVICE	78.86
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	236.73
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,559.84
LAMOURE CITY	148.14
LAMOURE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DIST	228.00
LAMOURE DRUG STORE	25.85
LAMOURE FOODS, INC.	18.04
LAMOURE HARDWARE	295.87
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	2,162.72
LARSON GRAIN CO	122.50
LEAF	120.40
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	51.17
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	298.46
LITTLE LOBOES BRIGHT BEGINNINGS	400.00
MAIN STREET FARM & HOME	106.94
MANN SIGNS, INC	560.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITES	59.27
NARDINI	2,035.75
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	2,371.18

ND SACCHO	3,036.00
NDACS	50.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	5,144.57
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	35.60
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - 1250	910.00
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	472.75
PHARMCHEM INC	94.35
PORTER/DENICE	77.22
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
QUILL CORPORATION	948.73
RECORD KEEPERS LLC	7.20
ROBBINS/KIMBERLY	232.70
SAFETY KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC.	464.21
SANDNESS/SHANNON	4.68
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS	380.00
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,496.96
SIGN SOLUTIONS	847.57
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.03
THE MEDICINE SHOPPE	47.44
TRU AESTHETIC & WELLNESS, LLC	150.00
TRUENORTH STEEL	56,916.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	474.00
VAN EEDEN/CLARA	47.97
VERIZON WIRELESS	839.95
VISTOS CARQUEST	73.60
WARCKEN/BILLI	89.51

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor