

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING-
June 21, 2022**

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 21, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Keith Heidinger, Jason Weigel, and Bob Flath, State's Attorney James Shockman, Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle and Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ. Attending by teleconference were Comm Lee Miller 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 the 5-County meeting and delegate to NDACo. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the June 7 minutes, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert let the commissioners know that the Heinrich bridge south of Adrian is currently closed. Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ said this bridge would qualify for a 100% funded remove and replace through a North Dakota program. It was in poor condition during the 2021 inspection and is limited to 3 tons. KLJ is willing to complete the application. Comm Flath made a motion to have KLJ fill out an application to have the Heinrich bridge replaced with 100% funding from the state, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried. Brunsman bridge has been closed for two years and would also qualify for removal and replacement. Comm Flath made a motion to have KLJ fill out an application to replace the Brunsman bridge under the same program, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Bryan will be reaching out to Astech to find out when the micro-surfacing project will begin. The box culvert for the Kartes bridge will be finished this week. Tim said there have been some issues by Jud with the Bonehill Creek on CR 65. The water has gone over the road. This will be discussed at the July Water Resource District meeting. The two crack sealing crews are out and working. Due to one of the machines needing a part, one crew is currently crack leveling on CR 62 to maintain the ride on this road. The crews have added gravel on some county roads. They added two culverts to Cottonwood Creek by the colony. The new sign truck should be ready this week. Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative has applied for a utility permit to bore under CR 60 east to west at the intersection of CR 60 and 75th St SE with a cable. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

FEMA 0223 is an account for disasters in LaMoure County prior to 2012. The current balance is \$168,746.58 which is for county and township reimbursements. Comm Flath made a motion to give each township a \$3,000 blading credit (Ryan, Pearl Lake, and Grand Rapids township will have to supply invoices for blading to receive the credit) and the remaining \$72,746.58 balance will be used to purchase culverts 36" and larger and zero out the FEMA 0223 account, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins gave her presentation. She started with the North Dakota State Radio Memorandum of Agreement for the upcoming 2023-2025 biennium effective July 1, 2023. The fees as discussed will be \$1.51 per line, per month, if McKenzie County is no longer a State Radio customer or \$1.39 per line, per month, if McKenzie County remains a customer. The MOA is that State Radio agrees to provide emergency telephone call response service; LaMoure County agrees to pay fees for the 911 service; and LaMoure County also shall have a 911 Coordinator to ensure services of address/mapping, quarterly review, boundaries of public safety, and dispatch protocols are communicated. Comm Weigel made a motion to sign the MOA with State Radio, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Kimberly talked about HR 2471 which is the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022. On March 15, President Biden signed this act which granted a 90% federal cost-share for major disasters having incident periods between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021. Cost-share on these disasters will now be 90% federal, 3% State and 7% local. LaMoure County has currently received the funding adjustment from DR4475 and DR4613. The respective funding to the townships and county will be distributed ranging from over \$2,000 to under \$16.

Kimberly gave updates on the storm and flooding events from April 22 to May 25. LaMoure County has met the preliminary damage threshold but is waiting for the Presidential disaster to be approved.

Kimberly has been working with townships to collect any invoices, additional photographs or other data as available. Both Twin and Boom Lake elevations have increased slightly since the last meeting. There was wind damage and some areas received significant rainfall on June 14.

The plan for the James River on April 6 was for a low flow year. The target for the Jamestown Reservoir was 1431.0 ft evacuation by June 1 and Pipestem 1442.5 ft evacuation by September 1; however, spring rains have changed this plan. Kimberly explained the changes to the James releases since that date. The releases increased to 218 cfs on April 18, 450 cfs on April 25, and 750 cfs on May 2. On May 17 it was announced it would be a high flow year of 750-1200 cfs. The combined releases were increased to 950 cfs. On June 1 releases were increased to 1200 cfs and the approximate heights at LaMoure were 10.1 ft and Adrian was 25 ft. As mentioned earlier, there was significant rainfall on June 14 and on June 16 releases increased to 1400 cfs. The resulting storm caused the James River to crest at Adrian around 12 p.m. on June 16 to near 30 ft. The Memorial Park in Grand Rapids has had some issues with the high river water. The gage at LaMoure indicated the river crested near 12.75 ft around 8 p.m. on June 18.

NDSU Extension Agent Caroline Homan announced her resignation from NDSU Extension-LaMoure County. Her last day in the office will be August 4, 2022. She was with the county for nine years and said it was a privilege to serve the citizens and the state of North Dakota. She has been accepted into the Developmental Science Ph. D program in the college of Human Development and Family Science at NDSU. She thanked the commissioners for being so supportive. Chairman Klein thanked her for all the work she has done for LaMoure County, congratulated her and wished her well.

Public Health Director Jessica Duffy joined the meeting, along with Roger Loegering, Darcy Klever and Michelle Masset. Jessica reported on the architect interviews for the LaMoure County Health Building. There were five architects that submitted RFQ's: Rhet, Ciavarella, TWP, Icon and Hepper Olson. A committee reviewed and scored all the RFQ's and narrowed the five down to three which were Ciavarella, Icon and Hepper Olson. The panel, consisting of Roger Loegering, Bob Flath, Jessica Duffy, Darcy Klever, Michelle Masset and Coralynn Dallmann, ranked Icon first, Ciavarella second and Hepper Olson third. The panel then recommended Icon as the architect based on cost, design team and experience with clinical space. Comm Weigel made a motion to select Icon as the architect contingent on their contract and available funds, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye motion carried.

Jessica said the COVID vaccine has been approved and will be arriving in her office soon for anyone six months and older. The second COVID booster is available for anyone 50 years and older or immunocompromised. She reports that there are no cases of monkeypox in North Dakota. Jessica said they are still trying to bring more health services to LaMoure County through the Health Equity Grant.

Auditor Hamlin gave an election update. She said there was 756 absentee/vote by mail ballots and that five of these ballots will go to the Canvass Board meeting on June 27. There were 179 voters at the LaMoure American Legion and 216 voters at the Edgeley National Guard Armory. The total ballots counted on election day was 1,146. Twenty-six ballots have arrived in the mail on or after election day. As of today, 31 ballots will go to the Canvass Board.

In a meeting last year, Comm Miller was appointed as the voting county delegate for the annual NDACo conference. This motion is missing from the minutes. Keith Heidinger made a motion to appoint Comm Miller as LaMoure County voting delegate for NDACo, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

The 5-County meeting will be July 7 in Sargent County.

Budget meeting dates were set for July 7 and July 19 following the commissioner meeting, July 26 and July 28 at 8:30 a.m.

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	10,141.00
ALLIED ENERGY	57.68
AT&T MOBILITY	61.31
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	92.00
BUILDERS MART	130.00
CENEX FLEETCARD	2,019.76
CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	494.96

COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,671.98
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	2,500.00
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	327.88
DAKOTA DYNAMICS	1,000.00
DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC	102.08
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICES	168.26
DALLMANN/CORALYNN	81.90
EDGELEY MAIL	1,318.87
ESCOSUPPLY	13,610.24
FLATH/ROBERT	200.00
GALLS, LLC	92.35
HAMLIN/JANICE	98.28
HEIDINGER/KEITH	450.93
HENRY SCHEIN	422.74
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	17.49
I3G MEDIA	735.00
KLEIN/BRUCE	210.53
KLEIN'S LOADER SERVICE	2,000.00
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	10,129.40
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	38.50
LAMOURE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	800.00
LAMOURE HARDWARE	387.79
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	50.04
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	38.50
MARQUART/ANDREW S.	288.00
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	412.40
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	524.43
MILLER/LEE	233.93
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	71.00
ND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	25,588.45
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY	2,274.97
PEPSI-COLA	175.60
PIEHL/TORIE	147.65
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	63.50
QUALITY INN	86.40
RACINE/JULIANNE	377.36
SALAMANDER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	1,510.00
SOLINGER'S LUMBER INC	11,094.61
STUTSMAN CO CORRECTION CENTER	3,075.00
TRI-COUNTY NEWS	38.50
VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC.	123.75
VERIZON CONNECT NWF INC	210.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	437.74
WASTE MANAGEMENT	574.37
WEIGEL/JASON	246.80
WEX HEALTH, INC.	83.00

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 7st DAY OF JULY, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor

