

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

The Board of LaMoure County Commissioners met Thursday, July 7, 2022, with Chairman Bruce Klein, Commissioners Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Keith Heidinger and Lee Miller, State's Attorney James Shockman, Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert, Auditor Jan Hamlin, Art Hagebock with the LaMoure Chronicle and Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ. 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 appointing a Highway Superintendent and Memorial Park site request. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath made a motion to approve the June 21 minutes, seconded by Comm Heidinger. All voting aye, motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Tim Geinert requested approval for an approach permit for Don Brandenburg. The location is on the north side of the road along CR 34, 2 ½ miles west of US Hwy 281. The current 24" culvert will be replaced with a 36" and the approach will be widened. The expense will be paid by the applicant. Comm Heidinger made a motion to approve the approach permit, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

The crew is crushing gravel at the Schmoker pit, graveling CR 63 from Dickey to Grand Rapids and cleaning up small projects. The micro-surfacing project will start on Monday starting at the north end of the Litchville Road. The milling for this project will take about eight days. The other big projects to get lined up are the box culvert for the Kartes bridge and road realignment by Dickey. Tim attended to the last Water Board meeting to discuss the Bonehill Creek over by Jud. The water is going out of the channel and over the road on CR 65. Tim will work with the landowner to come up with a plan to clean the channel and share the expense. Tim explained that Bryan Tykwinski with KLJ submitted applications for the replacement of the Heinrich bridge by Adrian and the Brunsman bridge by LaMoure through a program with NDDOT. Tim found out that the prospect to get the Brunsman bridge replaced is extremely slim and they want the bridges that will never be fixed off their system. An entity would get bonus points if there is a bridge for removal on the same application. NDDOT will accept a revised application. The bridges would qualify for 100% funding for removal and replacement. Comm Miller made a motion to have KLJ revise the application with replacement of the Heinrich bridge and removal of the Brunsman bridge, seconded by Comm Weigel. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Flath said an interview committee consisting of Comm Miller, Julianne Racine and himself held interviews for the Highway Superintendent. The committee recommends Tim Geinert and he is willing to accept. Comm Heidinger made a motion to hire Tim Geinert as the Highway Superintendent at a Step 15 on the pay scale with an addition 5% increase as recommended by the county HR consultant, Tanya Wieler, seconded by Comm Miller. Roll call vote Comm Miller-yes, Comm Heidinger-yes, Comm Weigel-yes, Comm Flath-yes and Chairman Klein-yes. All voting aye, motion carried.

Public Health Director Jessica Duffy joined the meeting and started with the building project. She said Icon was contacted and their attorney and State's Attorney James Shockman have been working on a contract. Mr. Shockman said they have come up with a final contract. They have agreed on a total project cost plus 7%, invoice capped at 5%, will help find a construction manager and project completion in three years. State's Attorney James Shockman said he is good with the contract. Comm Weigel made a motion to approve the contract with Icon for the Public Health building, seconded by Comm Flath. Roll call vote Comm Miller-yes, Comm Heidinger-yes, Comm Weigel-yes, Comm Flath-yes, and Chairman Klein-yes. All voting aye, motion carried.

Jessica said monkeypox is in Minnesota and Nebraska. There are no reported cases in North Dakota, South Dakota or Montana. There is a vaccine that will be available.

Treasurer Cindy Worrel presented the semiannual securities and bank balances. The grand total investment is \$3,757,561.59. Comm Heidinger made a motion to accept the following financial institutions: BankNorth, Dakota Plains Credit Union, Heartland State Bank, Hometown Credit Union, Dakota Heritage Bank, Choice Financial, and LaMoure Credit Union and to accept the securities that were presented as of June 30, 2022, seconded by Comm Miller. All voting aye, motion carried.

Comm Weigel made a motion to set the mileage reimbursement to follow the state rate of .625 retroactive to July 1, 2022, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

In partnership with the National Association of Counties, LaMoure County has installed a flag retirement box at no cost to the county. The box is located in the basement hallway of the courthouse near the restrooms. The county is unified in helping enable our citizens to respect our great nation while disposing of old or worn-out flags.

Auditor Hamlin gave an election update. The canvassing board met on June 27. There were 31 ballots that went to canvass with 28 being accepted and 3 rejected. The absentee/vote by mail total was 779, LaMoure American Legion total was 179 and the Edgeley Armory total was 216, which gave a final total of 1,174 ballots cast. There was a recount on June 29 for the City of Jud Mayor. Each candidate had 17 votes on election day and after canvass, so a drawing was held to determine the winner.

The North Dakota Forest Service would like a camper site at Memorial Park from July 8 to August 7 for a summer intern. They will pay the \$25 per day rate for a camper. Comm Miller made a motion to approve the request from the North Dakota Forest Service for a camping site at Memorial Park, seconded by Comm Flath. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Klein informed the commissioners that the fall Garrison Diversion Matching Recreation Grant applicants and required paperwork must be postmarked by September 1, 2022. The list of eligible projects has changed to include swimming pools and ballfield type projects. A maximum of \$75,000 per project phase has been implemented as well. The next opportunity to apply for a recreation grant will be in the spring of 2023.

Break 9:33 a.m. to 9:43 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	988.00
ALBERTSON/SONYA	201.92
BALCO UNIFORM CO INC	363.20
BANKNORTH	580.00
BARNES RURAL WATER DISTRICT	66.68
BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MOORHEAD	34,851.00
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC	292.24
BUILDERS MART	260.79
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	14.00
CITY OF KULM	84.67
COLE PAPERS INC	267.40
COMPUTER EXPRESS	564.98
DACOTAH PAPER CO.	165.57
DAKOTA CARRIER NETWORK	875.00
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,462.76
DIRECT ELECTRIC INC	9,144.62
DUFFY/JESSICA	358.98
EDGELEY MAIL	1,850.67
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	107.54
GOOD OIL COMPANY	10,918.60
GOOD/LAURIE	552.28
GRAINGER	221.30
GREEN IRON EQUIPMENT	80.52
HEARTLAND STATE BANK/VISA	1,305.92
HI-WAY SERVICENTER, INC	1,256.00
I3G MEDIA	1,750.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	174.13
KETTERLING/JACKIE	17.50
KLJ ENGINEERING LLC	6,497.25
KULM HARDWARE & HOME CENTER	39.97
KULM MESSENGER	1,357.72
KUSTOM MACHINE INC	1,144.57
LAMOURE CHRONICLE	1,987.54
LAMOURE CITY	171.14
LAMOURE HARDWARE	623.42
LAMOURE PARTS CENTER	1,110.52
LAMOURE PRINTING COMPANY	80.00
LEAF	120.40

LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT, INC	50.60
LITCHVILLE BULLETIN	1,319.22
MAERTENS WELDING & MACHINE COMPANY	432.72
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	214.10
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	44.82
ND STATE'S ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION	300.00
NDSU DEPT 3110	416.75
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	251.31
OAKES TRUCK & TRAILER, LLC	35.60
PREFERRED TRANSMISSION, INC.	3,913.51
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	67.50
PURCHASE POWER	2,015.00
QUALITY INN	172.80
QUILL CORPORATION	77.45
RACINE/JULIANNE	410.67
SANDNESS/SHANNON	75.47
SHOCKMAN LAW, PLLC	2,459.02
SHOCKMAN/JAMES	211.54
STEPP MFG	280.52
STUTSMAN CO CORRECTION CENTER	3,150.00
STUTSMAN RURAL WATER DISTRICT	50.03
TRUENORTH STEEL	13,260.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	580.06
WEIGHT/SIERRA	262.50

There being no further business, Chairman Klein adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF JULY, 2022

BRUCE KLEIN, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor