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The LaMoure K-4 Elementary Christmas Concert was held last week.



LaMoure County Commissioners meet with full agenda

The LaMoure County Commissioners met on Tuesday morning with all the members present except Mr. Heidinger.

Road Superintendent Derrick Nitschke asked the commissioners to approve the new snow removal policy that the road crews will be going by. The policy will be published in the papers. It will also be on the county's website along with a map. The map will include three townships that the county does not blade. The county roads in these townships will still be bladed by the county. The CR 60 paving project will be bid soon. The county has two openings for equipment operators. He has contacted Job Service along with newspaper and radio advertising. The new advertisements will have more information about the wage and benefits.

Derrick went over a price he obtained to repair and turn the old shop into usable shop space. They cannot get more than two trucks in the old shop to work on at a time. They are doing more of their own repair work than they have done in the past. The commissioners agreed to purchase materials for the project from Builders Mart. The reason for picking them is they are in the county and are willing to do the work also. The money is only for materials. He will put the labor in next year's budget. The Adrian bridge project is progressing. The first concrete will be poured tomorrow.

Brian from KLJ explained

some paperwork issues that they had with FEMA and contractor stuff. The commissioners agreed to issue another check to cover the issues that were missed. This did not increase the total cost of the project.

Emergency Manager Kimberly Robbins explained how the storm shelter project at Memorial Park is going. FEMA has not granted an extension because of the government shutdown. FEMA did send an email that stated it should be alright. The contractor did not fulfill their part of the project as they did not install the building in the time they agreed to do it for.

Kimberly explained how the new system to notify county employees worked. It worked fine with just a couple of adjustments. She went over the county wide alert system. They are still trying to come up with a plan. She wants a new system. This new system would cover both the public and employees. If they went with the new system, they could get rid of the texting system for employees. The States Attorney will look over the contract and the commission will make a decision in January.

Kimberly said that the county's emergency plan is just about complete. She then told them that she has fielded questions on flood plain management. There will be training for the county and townships. As of today, the county is taking care of the management for the townships. They

can take care of it themselves if they choose to.

Mr. Wald asked about how the county emergency services would respond to an electrical or pipeline incident. It was explained that the LaMoure County Emergency Planning Committee has a plan as part of the county's emergency plan. There is also regional hazardous response teams to handle any issues along with the companies that are involved.

Mr. Weigel explained the costs between a couple of radio stations for advertising the open positions for the county.

LaMoure County Veteran's Service Officer Tammy Jacobson asked the commissioners how she should deal with inclement weather. As of right now, she will not make up the lost days.

Mr. Wald asked who oversees the County Water Board. He asked about notifying when the meetings are being held. Mr. Kelly explained on how the commissioners can remove the Chairman of the Water Resource Board. A hearing would need to be held where both sides could present their case.

Jessica Duffy from Public Health went over the plan they have been working on for a new facility. The building's cost estimate as of now is around \$1,400,000.00. The source for money is a state rural health grant for \$500,000.00. The rest of the money will be donated from a private individual. The

LaMoure Community Development Corporation has agreed to take the lead on the state grant and will help with handling all the money. The building would be attached to the Bank North Mall where the old Nogosek Hardware store was. Enterprise Sales out of Valley City has drawn up a plan at no cost. Enterprise has said that if they are chosen to build it they will use local contractors as much as possible. She asked the county for a letter of support for the state grant. The commissioners agreed to give the letter. Mr. Flath pointed out that if Social Services moves out, the county would lose the rent revenue from the state. There is a lot of questions that need to be answered, and these will be taken care of by a board that is being established.

Denice Porter presented a new contract from Vanguard. The commissioners agreed to table it for more information.

The Tax Director position has been filled. The commissioners agreed to the hiring. She will start December 22nd.



Santa Day in Kulm

Santa "aka Gene Hanson" and his helper elf Kinley Cook at Kulm Santa Day Saturday, December 13. Elf Lion Rick Schlecht helping Santa hand a bag of goodies to Penny Schlepp. The Kulm Lions Club provided 90 bags of goodies for Santa Day. Below, the Kulm Christmas tree was lit Saturday at dark, making the Christmas season official!



What's Happening in Kulm

The county will continue to contract with Central Valley Health for their environmental health services.

Mr. Flath said that the three ambulance services in the county would like to increase the mil levy they receive. The county could go to 15 mils with a vote of the people.

The county set the four precincts for voting next year. This is the same as it has been. The entire list will be published in the official county paper. The "in person" voting locations will be at the armory in Edgeley and the Bank North Mall.

The commissioners approved a beer and liquor license for Memorial Park Country Club.

A letter was presented from Ottetail Power Company on the JetX power line concerning public meetings held by the Public Service Commission.

A tentative budget meeting will be held on December 30th to wrap up any end of the year budget concerns.

'Coffee with Kids' at 8:30 AM on Friday, December 19th at the Kulm Public School.

Stay tuned for notifications of Kulm events in What's Happening in Kulm, in the LaMoure County Chronicle. "Thanks for reading!"



These cute little elves were featured in last week's LaMoure County Chronicle, however the photo did not reproduce well ...so here's another try! They are the children of Jill and Lucas Wald.

We will be closed
Thursday & Friday,
Dec. 25-26.
Merry Christmas!
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bring you and your family
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Merry Christmas.*

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