

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

COMMISSIONER CHAIR

Commissioner Wicks made a motion to appoint Commissioner Hendrickson as Chair person. Commissioner Woods seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

2017 RESOLUTIONS

The Commissioners reviewed the Resolutions 17-01, 17-02, 17-03, and 17-04. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the Resolutions and it was seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 17-02

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-4-102, MCA, the board of County Commissioners shall establish by resolution regular office hours; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; by the Liberty County Commissioners that each office shall be open for the transaction of business during the office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays, excepting the following offices, which are as follows:

County Superintendent of Schools: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, excepting the hour from noon to 1:00 PM.

Justice of the Peace Office: Tuesdays, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excepting the hour from noon to 1:00 PM.

DATED THIS 3 DAY OF January, 2017.

RESOLUTION 17-01

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-5-2122, MCA, the board of County Commissioners shall establish by resolution a regular meeting date and notify the public of that date;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; by the Liberty County Commissioners that they shall meet every Tuesday of each month, and the Wednesdays following the first and second Tuesdays of each month.

FURTHERMORE, be it resolved, that the hours that they shall meet will be from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, excepting the hour from noon to 1:00 PM.

DATED THIS 3 DAY OF January, 2017.

Seal of Liberty County, Georgia. ATTEST: Clerk signature.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION 17-03

WHEREAS, the board of County Commissioners may, by resolution, establish mileage, lodging and per diem rates for business travel;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; by the Liberty County Commissioners, that Liberty County Employees, when traveling in the normal course of their duties to designated areas, shall be reimbursed for the cost of meals, lodging and per diem within the rates established pursuant to MCA 2-18-501, 2-18-502, and 2-18-503 and in accordance with the following provisions:

- 1) Lodging must be reimbursed at actual cost, not to exceed the prescribed standard state rate per day. All claims for lodging reimbursement allowed must be documented by an appropriate receipt.
2) In-state meal reimbursement may not exceed \$7.00 for morning meal, \$11.00 for mid-day meal, and \$18.00 for evening meal. All claims for meal reimbursement allowed must be documented by an appropriate receipt.
3) The mileage will be reimbursed at the prescribed standard state rate.
a. Except that if the county vehicle is available for use and the choice is made not to use it, the mileage reimbursement for use of your personal vehicle for county business, will be at 60% of the state rate.

DATED THIS 3 DAY OF January, 2017.

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RESOLUTION 17-04

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7-1-2123, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners must adopt a resolution designing locations where notice is provided by posting,

NOW THEREFORE, The governing body shall post on the posting board in front of Court Clerk and Recorder office area, calendar in Commissioners office and a copy of the document be available per request.

DATED THIS 3 DAY OF January, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman signature, Commissioner signature, Commissioner signature.

The Commissioner received a call from Senator Tempel. Russ was appointed to the Energy and Telecommunications Committee and the Education and Taxation Committee.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to update them on the Senior Center. The Senior Center is still looking for a meal delivery person. The new bus should be here this month. Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly transit meeting. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Coordination Plan. Commissioner Woods seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

**CJI SCHOOLS**

The Commissioners met with Tim Bronk, the new CJI Schools Interim Superintendent.

**JOPLIN STREETS**

A resident from Joplin met with the Commissioners to discuss the placement of a culvert. The Commissioners will have to speak with Justin Wickum about the issue.

**PAYROLL**

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Road Crew has been out inspecting roads. They will be plowing snow in some areas. The crew is also starting maintenance on some of the mowers.

**EBMS**

A conference call was made to EBMS to discuss and issue with the County’s flex health plan. It was decided that Liberty County will open a new account to deposit the contributions from employees to be held until requested for medical bills. EBMS will still keep track of all hospital billing and notify the County upon request.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Clerk**

**Chairman**

**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Wednesday**

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen “Morb” Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum to discuss the cost of gravel and maintaining roads. The Road Crew is out inspecting the condition of the roads. Justin will be looking at a new plasma cutter to replace the one that had suffered from a voltage spike.

**CJI SUPERINTENDENT**

The commissioners hosted a debriefing of the CJI School Superintendent issue. It was attended by CJI School administration, Sheriff’s Office, County Attorney, Justice of the Peace, and the Commissioners. The discussion was very good and some ideas were presented. It was also discussed that number one priority of everyone was the safety of the students. The notification of the responsible parties was a topic that will be addressed. The group will be working on ways to use social media to help alleviate some of the rumors.

Shane Heigis and Cindy Maxwell from JPT, our health insurance, met with the Commissioners, the Clerk and Recorder, and the Payroll Deputy. Items discussed were some of the reporting issues and the current flex plan.

**CLAIMS**

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed with all in favor.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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**Clerk**

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**Chairman**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Tuesday**

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Justin was in to update the Commissioners on the road issues. Four graders will be plowing the bus routes today. Joplin was plowed yesterday. The crew will be working other roads if the wind does not blow. The Road Crew has also completed the snow removal at the airport.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss the schedule at the Senior Center. The trip to Great Falls was cancelled today. The Road Crew had done the snow removal at the senior Center and it was greatly appreciated. The Council on Aging annual meeting is being held today.

**HOSPITAL**

Commissioner Hendrickson attended a meeting with Matt Waller, the new Liberty Medical Center CEO.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Commissioners attended the annual meeting for the Council on Aging. The board elected Gary Cady, Pricilla Pimley, and Maggie Holems to the board.

**CLAIMS**

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed with all in favor.

**BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT**

The Commissioners talked to Bear Paw Development about the completion of the demolition of the Wheat Sheaf Motel. Bear Paw Development will supply the County with the final project wrap up.

**MUSEUM**

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Museum meeting. Dianne Gunderson was elected as Chair, Jon Matta as Vice Chair, and Judy Tempel as Secretary Treasurer.

**EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright hosted a cropping seminar in conjunction with MSU Extension.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

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The Commissioners met with Brenda Wickum, the Public Health Disaster Coordinator, to work on the deliverables that are coming due at this time. The questions on the forms were completed and are being sent in.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clerk**

**Chairman**

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Wednesday**

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson (by phone), Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

**COUNTY CAR**

Angel Colbry and Jim Ghekiere went to Great Falls to pick up the new County car, a 2017 Ford Explorer.

**REPEATER RENT**

Liberty County rents a space from Wanken's to house the radio repeater that the County uses. The rent has not increased for the past 10 years. The price will increase to \$70.00 a month.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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**Clerk**

**Chairman**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Tuesday**

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Road Crews are plowing the problem areas of the County roads. Machinery maintenance will continue.

**HRDC**

Commissioner Woods attended the monthly HRDC meeting in Havre. There was some discussion about the grant cycle and the grants that are currently running. Commissioner Woods inquired about funding for a safe house to be available in the community.

**SENATOR DAINES**

Allison Vergont, from Senator Daines office, was in to talk with the Commissioners.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL OUT OF STATE**

Holly Frederickson requested to be out of the state. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion carried with all in favor.

**PAYROLL**

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Wicks and seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

Commissioner Wicks attended the Mental Health Board meeting.

**COMMENT ON CHESTER SOLAR LLC**

The Commissioners received input on the proposed Chester Solar LLC New and Expanding Industry application. Johnson Redie Mix, a neighbor to the project, stated that they will support the project.

**MUSEUM BOARD**

Delbert Anderson stated that he will be interested in serving on the Museum Board.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Commissioners met with Kathy Armstrong to discuss the role that she is playing in the two schools located in Toole County. Kathy is under contract to provide Superintendent services for these schools that are working with the Liberty 10 School District.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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**Clerk**

**Chairman**

**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ♦ Tuesday**

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum. Justin has been talking to Cat and RDO about the leases on our current graders that are coming due this year. The Road Crew has been plowing snow on the County roads and around the County buildings.

**CLAIMS**

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Wicks, seconded by Commissioner Woods. The motion passed with all in favor.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to discuss the Senior Center. There was a water leak from the fire sprinklers in the pantry. The water was shut off and the water company is on the way to fix the issue. We are not sure of any other water damage at this time. Glenda Hanson will have a staff member attend the Mental Health First Aid training.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to discuss some of the upcoming court cases. Robert proposed a Resolution for prosecutorial assistance in a court case. Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve and Commissioner Wicks seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

**LIBRARY**

The Commissioners hosted a Library Board meeting with Peg and Lin Duffin in attendance. The Museum is changing board members and discussed who will be taking care of the payroll and bills. Rose Campbell has been performing these duties, but they will now be taken over by Judy Tempel. The Duffins will still help with the state payroll requirements. A thank you was extended to Duffins for their services to the Museum.

The Commissioners held a meeting to address the application of New and Expanding Industry tax abatement. Committee members present were the Attorney for Chester Solar, Derek Fraser, Robert Padmos, and the Commissioners. After some discussion, Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the application. It was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and the motion carried with all in favor.

**DAYCARE**

The Commissioners met with representatives from CJI School, LMC Hospital, and County to discuss daycare needs. The group will be exploring options to start the process.

**HI-LINE HELP FOR ABUSED SPOUSES.**

Connie Huffman, Justice of the Peace Holly Frederickson, County Attorney Robert Padmos, Sheriff Doug Riggan, and the Commissioners met to discuss the program that is available for the County. It was recommended by Connie to do a Fatality Review regarding the recent incident involving a murder suicide.

**JUSTICE COURT**

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners. The Justice Court seems to be very busy.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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**Clerk**

**Chairman**

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 ♦ Tuesday**

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their office at the Courthouse. Those present were: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, Commissioner Maureen "Morb" Wicks, and Commissioner Joette Woods.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Justin Wickum informed the Commissioners the Road Crew has been graveling the Whitlash Road. They have also been plowing some isolated spots. Machinery Maintenance remains a priority.

**COMMISSIONER OUT OF STATE.**

Commissioner Wicks requested to be out of state March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve the request and it was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried with all in favor.

**PAYROLL**

Employee payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion passed to approve all current wages.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson reported that the Fire Suppression Company had repaired the broken sprinkler waterline above the food pantry. The area has been reinsulated to hopefully prevent any future issues.

**MENTAL HEALTH MEETING**

The Commissioners hosted a Mental Health Board meeting. Members attending were representing the CJI School, LMC, and Public Health.

**TIBER WATER**

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Tiber Water meeting. The North Central Regional Water System was discussed. The Tiber Water District had multiple line breaks and they are all being fixed at this time.

Teresa Fenger reported to the Commissioners that the coffee machine broke down. The current one will be sent for repairs and a new one is on the way.

**EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright met with the Commissioners to discuss the initial pesticide training that will take place tomorrow. Fourteen people have signed up. The Extension office is planning a safety day to held this spring. It will be a larger format than last years. There are several businesses that are planning to participate.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere is in the process of getting the past year's reports on the spraying season completed for the BOR and the BLM.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Liberty County Commissioners was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clerk**

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**Chairman**