

January 5th, 2016 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

BOARD CHAIR

A motion was made by Commissioner Larry Hendrickson to appoint Commissioner Russ Tempel as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Morb Wicks seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 16-1

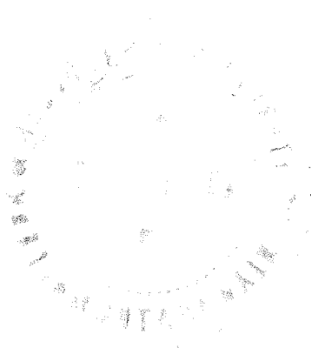
RESOLUTION 16-01

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 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excepting the hour from noon to 1:00 PM.

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF January, 2016



ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

[Signature]
Chairman

[Signature]
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve Resolution 16-1 and Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 16-2

RESOLUTION 16-02

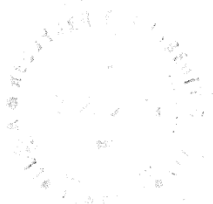
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-4-102, MCA, the board of County Commissioners shall establish by resolution regular office hours;

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 5th DAY OF January, 2016



ATTEST: [Signature] Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS [Signatures] Chairman, Commissioner, Commissioner

Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve Resolution 16-2 and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 16-3

RESOLUTION 16-03

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 6th DAY OF January, 2016



ATTEST: [Signature] Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS [Signatures] Chairman, Commissioner, Commissioner

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve Resolution 16-3 and Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

LEPC

Commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting. The group approved the revised weather hazards part of the plan. Liberty County Senior Center director Glenda reported that she, with help from EMS Director Tara Hendrickson, applied for and received an AED for the Senior Center. The Public Health Department is still offering flu shots. EMS Director Tara Hendrickson reported that the EMS service accumulated a total of 1673 hours which included training and calls.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to give the weekly report to the Commissioners. He reported that the Road Crew is graveling from the Wickum pit to the Beulow crossing. Parts for the grader have been received and will be replaced. The Road Crew has been using the plow pickup to do limited road plowing. They have also been doing snow removal from the airport and county buildings.

PAYROLL

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

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright was in to update the Commissioners on the Extension Office. He is having a cropping seminar on January 11, 2016. Jesse was also working to bring Dan Clark from the MSU Extension Office in Bozeman to give a presentation on community boards. He will be gauging the interest of the community members in attending this presentation.

CLAIMS

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

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Fredrickson updated the Commissioners on the proceedings of the Justice Court. The Court collected just short of \$30,000. Holly explained that not all of these funds were retained by the court, but instead were divided between several entities.

PERSONNEL

The Commissioners were formally asked for a leave of absence in order to address an excess of vacation and sick time by an email received 12-29-15 7:36 a.m. After a discussion and consultation with MACO staff, Commissioner Wicks moved to deny the motion. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion and the request was denied with all in favor. In order to be in compliance with state code, the issue must be addressed and resolved within the 2016 calendar year.

HRDC

Commissioner Tempel attended an HRDC meeting in Havre. Director Karen Thomas resigned. Liberty County is still looking for a board member.

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 6th, 2016 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to discuss the Council on Aging's annual meeting being held the following week. There are three board positions open at this time.

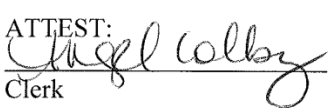
RESOLUTION 16-4

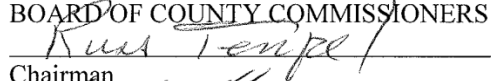
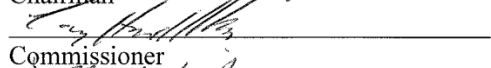
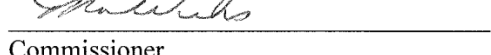
RESOLUTION 16-04

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 Courthouse Clerk and Recorder office area, calendar in Commissioners office and a copy of the document will be available per request.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF January, 2016.

ATTEST:

Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve Resolution 16-3 and Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

GRAVEL

Mark Wickum was in to discuss the gravel that the county is hauling out of their gravel pit. The Wickum's would like to donate the gravel to be used on the Whitlash Road between their mailbox and the Lothair Road. The Road Department will take care of this matter.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Kathy Armstrong was in to update the Commissioners on her office. The teaching positions are all filled at this point in time. We discussed future enrollment and staffing.

VISITOR

Sandra Waldner, a past student of Commissioner Wicks when she taught at Riverview, was in to see us. She has been in Uganda working in the orphanages. She was able to share a lot of information on the conditions of the areas that she visited.

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 12, 2016 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to report that the Road Crew has been graveling the Whitlash Road from Wickum's to the intersection of the Lothair Road. This gravel was donated by the Wickum's from their gravel pit. The roads were opened up in the northeast corner yesterday. We will send a grader to this area tomorrow after the windy conditions have subsided to open up the rest of the road. The Road Crew will stockpile the remaining extra gravel from the pit at the county shop.

CLAIMS

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Wicks attended the Liberty county Board of Health meeting. Sarah Robbin updated the board on the new DEQ Septic Systems Circular FDA Grants for training. Brenda Wickum gave a report on Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Lynda Vande Sandt reported on Tobacco Prevention. New business being discussed included an E Waste Program and tire and battery recycling.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Commissioners attended the annual Council on Aging meeting. Bob Mattson, Shirley Rololph, Maggie Holmes, and Terry Stevens are the new board members. Commissioner Wicks thanked the board members serving with a special thanks to the outgoing board members Bill Gunderson, Rod Keith, and Carol Aitken.

DEQ CIRCULAR 4

Commissioners reviewed the DEQ Circular 4, and with County Sanitarian Sarah Robbin's recommendation Commissioner Wicks made a motion to adopt them. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

CITY OF CHESTER

The Commissioners met with Mayor Noel Walston. The topic of discussion concerned a contract with Bear Paw Development.

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 13, 2016 ♦ Wednesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Riffin met with the Commissioners to inform us of an employee from Dispatch that has resigned their position. This information was passed on to the Payroll Department. A termination packet was put together and picked up by the employee.

CLAIMS

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

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright and Julie Gagnon met with the Commissioners to discuss an issue with the 4-H livestock sale. Last year there was a steer included in the 4-H sale that was owned by an out of county resident. After reviewing the 4-H policy, it was recommended that this practice not be allowed.

SCHOOL BOARD

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly school board meeting and was asked to talk about the GIS program in school.

The Commissioners went out and visited the Road Department shop.

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 19th, 2016 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes met with the Commissioners and reported that the gravel has been hauled from Wickum's pit. There were 1800 yards that were hauled. The Road Crew is working on maintenance projects.

LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger will be receiving new shelving for the Library which the Road Department will be unloading and helping assemble.

COMMISSIONERS & CLERK AND RECORDER

The Commissioners and the Clerk & Recorder are in the process of updating the list of county boards.

MUSEUM

Betty Marshall was in to update the Commissioners on the museum. The Museum Board will be looking for employees to start the season. Betty also brought in some checks to be deposited for the museum.

EXTENSION

Jesse Fulbright met with the Commissioners to go over the presentation that he gave at the cropping seminar. He will be giving the same presentation at the MAGIE in Great Falls this week. The Commissioners gave him some ideas on how to change some of the slides.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson is gathering options for the new bus. She informed us that she will have an employee out on Maternity Leave. She will look for a part-time employee to fill in until the employee returns.

HRDC

Karen Thomas director of HRDC was in to discuss an opening on the board. Liberty County needs to have some more representation on the board. The Commissioners will be trying to find someone to fill the opening on the board. Karen went over the annual report that is due from the program. The report is goal orientated. The Commissioners reviewed the Community Services Block Grant Application for April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. Commissioners Wicks made the motion to sign off and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. The motion passed with all in favor. Karen will be retiring from the director position at HRDC at the end of March.

MACO LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Commissioners reviewed the County's list of County Owned Property. Corrections were made to the list.

PAYROLL

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

CLAIMS

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

STOCKYARDS

The Commissioners met with Frank Gioscia and Kyle Rosco. They are interested in rebuilding the stockyards for the salvage of the old wood. They will be inspecting the stockyards and get back to us with a proposal.

JUSTICE COURT

Holly Frederickson updated the Commissioners on the proceedings in the Justice Court.

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 26th, 2016 ♦ Tuesday

The Board of Liberty County Commissioners met in regular session on the above stated date at 10:00 AM in their room at the Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Russ Tempel, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Morb Wicks.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Hendrickson attended a Bureau of Reclamation table top disaster meeting at the Bureau of Reclamation camp at Sanford Park. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation Billings office, Chouteau County DES, State of Montana DES, Liberty County Commissioners, and local Bureau of Reclamation representatives. The table top was based on a pin breaking on one of the gates at the spillway on Tiber Dam. It was a very informative meeting. After the meeting the group was invited to tour the tunnel under Tiber Dam, which was very interesting.

FMLA

Liberty County has a request for FMLA leave. After reviewing the request, Commissioner Wicks motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

LIBERTY COUNTY AIRPORT

The Commissioners reviewed the final reports from the FAA dealing with final payments for the most recent airport project. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to sign them and Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes reported that the Road Crew was working on replacing road signs. The claims for the gravel from the Wickum pit are being processed with one half of the amount being issued to W3 Farms and the other half of the amount being issued to RMR Aggregate. The Road Department requested to buy new mowers. Tilleman Motors placed a bid for \$57,000.00 in addition to trading in the old mowers.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Wicks attended the Quarterly Regional meeting on Friday at the Liberty County Senior Center. There were seven counties represented.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson reported that one of her employees is out on Maternity Leave. Glenda has a temporary employee hired to fill in. She also reported on the Regional meeting that was hosted at the the Senior Center last Friday.

ROAD DEPARTMENT (Drug Testing)

The Commissioners received a draft contract for the Liberty County Road Department Drug Testing Contract. County Attorney Hugh Brown was asked to review the contract and make any necessary changes. The contract with the proposed changes was mailed back to be reviewed.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere updated the Commissioners on the seasonal Weed Department employees. There have already been a few applicants. We discussed the Land Tamer and have decided that it has not been being used enough to keep it. Commissioner Hendrickson motioned to declare the Land Tamer surplus property. Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. The decision was made to advertise it for a minimum of \$15,500.00. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to advertise it and Commissioner Wicks seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Jenifer Gursky, the representative of the Montana Community Foundation was in Chester on Tuesday, January 26th to host a meeting. Commissioner Wicks attended the meeting. Discussion at the meeting included the mission of the foundation and community expectations for the foundation.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman