

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 Russ Tempel.

**LEPC**

The Commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting. It was very well attended. DES EMPG grant in the amount of \$11,585, was approved by the state and signed by the Commissioners. The grant for the school and Senior Center generator was discussed. It looked very promising. Public Health reported that they will need a disaster exercise this year. LMC will be having an evacuation exercise at the Wheat Country Estate.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Justin Wickum reported that the mowing of the ditches has been completed by the Sweet Grass Hills, and the mowers have moved to 2100 Road South. The Road Crew has started graveling the Whitlash Road from the corner of Hill Road to 2100 Road South. After the last rain, the roads all needed some attention.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere reported that the Weed Crew will be starting the Russian Olive spraying on the river next week. The Weed Department will be applying for a knapweed weed grant for the Sweet Grass Hills for the next spraying season. Jim will be ordering a Ford f350 Dully for a new spray truck. In review of how much we have been hauling with the other spray trucks, it was decided to increase the GVW.

**ELECTED OFFICAIL OUT OF STATE**

Commissioner Hendrickson asked permission to be out of state. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Commissioner Tempel and the motion carried with all in favor. Angel Colbry also requested permission to be out of state.

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**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ Wednesday**

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**MUSEUM BOARD**

The Commissioners hosted the Museum Board meeting in their office. This is the yearly closing meeting. Member attending were John, Diane, Betty, Margret, and Judy. Judy kept the minutes of the meeting.

**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Tempel attended the newly reorganized mental health board. The meeting was held at the Senior Center.

**SENATOR JON TESTER**

The Commissioners met with Cheryl Ulmer representative of Senator Jon Tester. Topics discussed included the Whitlash Road and North Central Regional Water Line.

**ROAD CONDITIONS**

The Commissioners have received some phone calls regarding the condition of the roads. The rain has been greatly appreciated, but has caused unfavorable road conditions.

Jerry Fenger applied for an approach permit at the end of Fenger Road, which is a dead end. The approach will allow for a run out off the county road. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the permit request. Commissioner Wicks seconded and the motion carried 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.

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

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**Clerk**

**Chairman**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ Tuesday**

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**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to discuss the restart of the Supper Club. The first dinner will be hamburger steak, and will be held October 17, 2016. Triangle Telephone has offered to pay for the bus to transport people to the Triangle Telephone annual meeting.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to update them on the happenings in the County Attorney's office. Items discussed included a road easement and zoning at the airport.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Justin Wickum has the Road Crew cleaning up the roads after the last snow storm. The cattle producers are struggling to ship their cattle and have been requesting help. There are some trees that have been blown down on county property and the Road Department is cleaning this up. They have also been removing snow from the airport, Senior Center, and Courthouse.

**TRIANGLE TELEPHONE**

The Commissioners reviewed a road crossing application from Triangle Telephone. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the application and it was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion carried with all in favor.

**COUNTY VEHICLE**

The Commissioners received input from county employees on the purchase of a new county vehicle. After reviewing the options, it was decided to purchase a Ford Explorer. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to purchase a Ford Explorer. This was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and passed with all in favor.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting.

**STOCKYARDS**

Commissioner Tempel contacted the bidders for the stockyard rebuild project and notified them of whom they chose to complete the job.

**PAYROLL**

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

**JUSTICE COURT**

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners to updated them on the proceedings in the Justice Court.

**LIBRARY**

Teresa Fenger informed the Commissioners that the Library will meet its anticipated revenue for the year this month. Coffee sales have been very good.

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**

**October 12th, 2016 ♦ Wednesday**

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**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum to discuss the ongoing road issues. Justin is prioritizing what projects need to be completed before winter. The Road Crew has been graveling some spots on Dugout Road that were torn up by trucks getting stuck. The roads in the northern part of Liberty County had been plowed, but are now very muddy.

**TREASURER**

Denise Wanken met with the Commissioners to discuss the Northwestern Energy tax delay that the DOR is working through. She will be waiting to print taxes until next week.

**COUNTY COMPUTERS**

A computer technician from Morrison and Merilee was in to move and update some of the computers in the Courthouse.

**BOILER REPAIR**

The boiler was repaired to repair a heating issue that has been occurring in the upstairs of the Courthouse.

**COUNTY ROADS**

A resident met with the Commissioners to discuss some concerns he had with the roads. He stated that the roads on which the County had used large rock for a base were holding up the best.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Robert Padmos updated the Museum's "Incoming Loan Agreement." The Commissioner will present it to the Museum Board at the next meeting.

**HEALTHY LIBERTY COUNTY COALITION**

Committees met for a lunch meeting to discuss issues for the quarterly meeting. Commissioner Wicks and Angel Colbry attended the meeting. Some of the issues discussed were ReAct, Montana Quit Line, and Smoke Free Multi Unit Housing.

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**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ Tuesday**

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**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Justin Wickum reported to the Commissioners that the roads are drying and work on them is progressing. The hill by Hofers has been graveled and is in better condition. Mowing in the norther part of the County will be completed and the mowers will be moved south of the highway. The mowing will be completed much faster due to the fact that everything has already been mowed once. One grader is having computer issues and will be fixed today.

**DOR**

The Commissioners met with Angel Colbry, Denise Wanken, Penny Walston, Lori Hall, and Robert Padmos to discuss the Northwestern Energy revaluation. The group reviewed the current numbers and decided not to recertify. We are waiting for notification from the school on their decision in order to proceed.

**DES**

Darrel Stafford met with the Commissioners to discuss the grant that Liberty County received from the Montana Department of Military Affairs, Disaster and Emergency Services Division. The grant was approved for both the Senior Center and CJI Schools. The total amount was \$145,570.00. This is a 100% federal grant share

**EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright reported to the Commissioners on his recent grant funded Extension Agent trip to New Orleans. The conference was attended by 1,600 agents, which is the largest attendance they have had. Jesse was appointed to the National GIS/GPS 4-H task force. He will be attending another grant funded meeting in Hawaii.

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**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ 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 Russ Tempel.

**ELECTED OFFICAL OUT OF STATE**

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve Angel Colbry’s request to be out of state. It was seconded by Commissioner Wicks and passed with all in favor.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Justin Wickum met with the Commissioners to discuss ongoing road issues. Mowing is progressing and will be completed soon. The hours on the rental tractors are going to be sufficient to finish. There have been a few electrical issues with the graders and at this time have been addressed. Some problem spots on the roads were discussed.

**AIRPORT**

The Commissioners reviewed a five-year improvement plan. Some items were discussed and the Commissioners were pleased with it. Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve and Commissioner

Hendrickson seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. Bill Burkland, engineer from Robert Pessica and Associates, updated the plan.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Wicks attended the Board of Health meeting. Sara Robbins gave a report on her position. The pool inspections have been completed. One of the topics brought up was issues that have been occurring at the Chester Supermarket. The staff of the Chester Supermarket are receiving training in the meat department. The Sweet Grass Lodge has gone smoke-free, this includes the property outside. The Health Board is looking for a new member to replace Ed Gonazalez. Commissioner Wicks and Karla Kulpas terms are ending. They were reappointed.

PAYROLL


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

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

The Commissioners met with Mary Ann Zorn and Matt Fenger to discuss a venue for next year's shooting sports. Ted and Mary Ann Zorn have been hosting the Air Rifle at their garage.

RESOLUTION 16-11

The Commissioners reviewed Resolution 16-11 dealing with participation in the Bear Paw Economic Development District. Following discussion of the needs for professional planning staff, Commissioner Wicks made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried with all in favor.



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June 3, 2016

Russ Tempel, Chairman  
Liberty County Commissioners  
Liberty County Courthouse  
Chester, MT 59522

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for being an active participant in the Bear Paw Economic Development District for FY2016.

Enclosed is a claim for the second half of the County's Share Funding. Your total amount of Share Funding for FY2016 is \$6,250; at this time we are billing \$3,125. We received the first half of funds from you in January.


Also enclosed is a Resolution of Participation in the Bear Paw Economic Development District for FY2017. The FY2017 dues are \$6,250. After the Commissioners have met and acted on the Resolution, please provide us with a copy of the executed Resolution for our files.

It is important to note that in 2015, Bear Paw Development was able to leverage \$241 for every \$1 of local government support we received. These are funds that went directly into enhancing the economic viability and sustainability of the communities we serve in northern Montana.

We greatly appreciate your continued participation in the Bear Paw District Program.

If you have questions, please feel free to call our office.

Sincerely,



Paul Tuss  
Executive Director

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-11

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE BEAR PAW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, The County of Liberty is in need of a professional planning staff to assist in the orderly planning for the development of a new industry to provide job opportunities to the unemployed, and

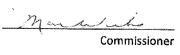
WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration has in the past provided funds for said staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we support the continuation of said staff and will actively participate in the District Program. We pledge \$6,250 as our share of the Local Matching Funds.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of Sept, 2016.



Chairman

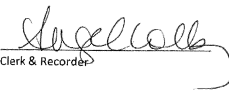


Commissioner



Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk & Recorder



RESOLUTION 16-12

The Commissioners reviewed Resolution 16-12 for Prosecutorial Assistance. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Tempel seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

LIBERTY COUNTY, MONTANA  
RESOLUTION 16-13

AUTHORIZING PROSECUTORIAL ASSISTANCE  
IN DISTRICT AND JUSTICE COURT CASES

WHEREAS, the Liberty County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance in certain causes in Twelfth Judicial District Court, Liberty County, and/or Liberty County Justice Court as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is desired and deemed appropriate that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned cases; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated §7-4-2705 authorizes the board of county commissioners to employ special counsel to assist in the prosecution of any such criminal case pending in the county on request of the county attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty County Attorney has requested that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to prosecute causes pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Liberty County, and/or the Liberty County Justice court; and

WHEREAS, STEPHEN GANNON, Chouteau County Attorney, has agreed to act as a Special Deputy Liberty County Attorney in pending causes;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Chouteau County Attorney, STEPHEN GANNON, shall be appointed a special deputy county attorney for Liberty County for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of the pending causes and that he can fulfill the functions set out in Montana Code Annotated §44-4-103.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED:

That under the terms of this agreement, no fee will be charged for attorney time provided by the special prosecutor of this case. Mileage will be paid at the current rate of \$.50 per mile. Witness fees and expense, jury costs and other normal costs associated with the trial will be the county's responsibility as with all other prosecutions.

Adopted this 25 day of Oct, 2016 as moved by Commissioner Hendrickson and passed on a 3 0 vote of the full board. Effective on passage and approval.

LIBERTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Liberty County, Montana

[Signature]  
Chairman

[Signature]  
Vice-Chairman

ATTEST: [Signature]  
ANGEL COLBRY, Clerk & Recorder

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Member

**RESOLUTION 16-13**

The Commissioners reviewed Resolution 16-13 regarding the counties elected official's salary. It was amended to reflect the change of the County Attorney position from a half time position to a three-quarter time position with a salary set at \$65,000. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Commissioner Wicks. The motion carried with all in favor.

**JUSTICE COURT**

Holly Frederickson updated the Commissioners on the proceedings in the Justice Court. She found a statute that if a hunter is picked up for littering while hunting, the individual could lose hunting and fishing privileges for a year.

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