

October 1st, 2013 ♦ 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 Rlynn Rockman (via telephone), Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

MAPPING AND GIS

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson attended the training held at the school. The class was instructed by Jeff Crews. Also in attendance for the class were Marc Holmes and Jim Ghekiere.

DES

The topic at the meeting was the volume of oil trains on BNSF. Darrell will be asking for a list of Hazmat loads on BNSF. He will also ask MDOT to give some information for trucks.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to accept the current payroll for payment. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SAFETY MEETING

Julie will be attending the safety meeting to be held on 10-8-2013.

EXTENSION SERVICE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Hendrickson made the motion to sign the agreement with MSU for our extension agreement. Commissioner Tempel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

JANITORIAL

Ruth Ann Norick has agreed to take over cleaning of the courthouse and part time cleaning of the Library.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

October 2nd, 2013 ♦ 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: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

ROAD

Marc Holmes was in and updated us on road issues. He has notified Fish, Wildlife and Parks about the beaver issues. The mowing is progressing; the weeds and grass are drying out.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda updated us on the new reporting; Title 6 deals with non-English speaking riders. We talked about the Transit audit; reflecting the need for more signs.

STOCKYARDS

Sheriff Burrows was in to discuss repairs on the stockyards. A motion was made by Commissioner Rockman to raise the rates from .50 to \$1.50 per head. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. This money will be used to repair the stockyards.

ROAD PETITION

We had a question dealing with a road petition to the old Lloyd Oswood place. We referred the question to County Attorney Hugh Brown for help. He found no petition for this road.

SCHOOL

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Hendrickson visited with Thad Kaiser, the new school superintendent, about ongoing training dealing with GPS and GIS. Also discussed were some IT issues. Ryan Tempel and Brady Hawks went up to the roof and looked at the location for the GPS antenna. Susanne Stewart dropped by and asked for some information.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

October 8th, 2013 ♦ Tuesday

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ROAD CROSSING

Eagle Creek Colony provided an application for permission to cross 2300 Road South in Twp 34N, Range 4E, Section 16-21. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried to approve the application.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues.

JUVENILE PROBATION

We received a \$100 check from the 12th Judicial District Youth Court for reimbursement on past cemetery vandalism; the payment is from juvenile "J.D.". The paperwork was given to the Liberty County Cemetery District.

DES

A contract was submitted by Region 2A EMS, Inc. for training opportunities for fiscal year 2013-14; dues are \$250. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried to approve the contract.

LIBRARY

Teresa Fenger, librarian, stopped in to report that when Vern Holmes used a weed blower on the parking lot behind the library, he inadvertently blew dust on Bill Duffin's pick-up (recently detailed). Duffin complained to Teresa and may be in to see us.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss center issues. An occupational therapist is coming today to discuss any options to possibly put Jeanne Winston back to work. Glenda also spoke about alternative sources in collecting / processing required drug / alcohol on employees. In addition she inquired about the Extension office's rental of the center for the 4-H Achievement night (November 3rd) and use of the facility the day before for decorating (is one-day rental OK?).

IT CONTRACT

After general discussion, we decided to renew our annual contract with Morrison and Maierle Systems for IT services. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion passed to approve the contract (basic monthly fees = \$510). In addition, a motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve Morrison and Maierle's bid on 5 new computers plus delivery and installation for \$6,675.00. The motion carried.

GPS / GIS

Brady Hawks and Daine Meissner, CJI students working on the GIS project, stopped in to discuss the location and installation of the satellite dish on the courthouse.

CORRESPONDENCE

We received a letter from the State of Montana (Department of Administration) that accepted our response and corrective actions to our fiscal year 2012 Audit Report issued by Denning, Downey and Associates.

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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Chairman

October 9th, 2013 ♦ Wednesday

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CLAIMS

Commissioner Tempel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to pay the claims as they have been presented. The motion carried.

GIS / GPS

Gail Shatkus was in about the GIS and antenna on the courthouse.

DNRC

An application was sent to be reviewed by DNRC for acquisition of state roads.

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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Chairman

October 15th, 2013 ♦ 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 Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to update us on road issues. Marc visited with Buck Dahlin about the planned work on the Heimbigner road. He plans to visit with Doug Demarest regarding Demarest's moving a section of fence prior to the county rebuilding the road from Whitlash to the border. All roads south of Hwy 2 are presently in good shape. Several problem areas on roads in north eastern Liberty County were discussed. Safe driving training by MACo is scheduled tomorrow from 7 to 11 AM at the county shop.

MACO SAFETY TRAINING

Julie Gagnon attended a Safety Coordinator training conference in Helena on October 8th and 9th as Liberty County's representative. She brought in a synopsis of the 2-day training program and a copy of Jefferson County's "Safety Manual" for our consideration.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss center issues. She produced the MACo report that evaluated the cook's job for potential "return to work" status on Jeanne Winston.

HRD

Commissioner Tempel attended the monthly HRD meeting on October 10th in Havre. He produced an annual report for our examination.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Rockman attended the quarterly Board of Health meeting on October 11th (5 members were present). There was continued discussion about Snyder's salvage yard; the city is trying to work with Mr. Snyder regarding compliance – maybe the Commissioners should write him a letter? Board members who have terms expiring on November 1st are Dr. Young, Commissioner Rockman, and Karla Kulpas.

WIC

Hill County sent us the updated WIC Satellite Agreement for fiscal year 2013-14. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson. The motion carried to approve and sign the agreement, which was mailed back to the Hill County Commissioners. A point of information: the new WIC Coordinator is Audra Gervais.

COUNTY PAYROLL

The current county payroll was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to pay all current salaries. The motion carried.

MORRISON – MAIERLE SYSTEMS

We received a new bid for computers from Morrison & Maierle, including 7 Dell Optiplex 3101, 1 Dell Precision T1650 (for the GIS project), and 1 Dell Power Edge T110II Server. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve the purchase of these computers, server, installation fees, etc totaling \$16,000 +. The motion carried.

MACO DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

On October 15th, sixteen county employees and/or volunteers (including the three commissioners) attended MACo's DDC-4 Driver Safety Training course at the Senior Center. This 4-hour course was instructed by Emelia McEwen of MACo. She will give the same course to the Road / Weed crew on October 16th.

GIS

Gail Shatkus was in to request, if possible, a 6 ½ foot spun aluminum pole (3-4" diameter) from one of our GIS partners. We placed a call to Triangle Telephone (Rick Stevens). Gail also looked at the specs on the computer we ordered for this project.

MEDICAL STATUS REPORT

We received a medical status report on road crew worker ("D.S.R.") who is presently on workman's compensation, which stated "condition unchanged from last report".

LIBERTY COUNTY EXTENSION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Commissioner Tempel attended the quarterly meeting of the extension advisory council meeting.

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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Chairman

October 22nd, 2013 ♦ 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 Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

PERMISSION TO BE OUT-OF-STATE

Commissioner Hendrickson asked permission to be out-of-state (North Dakota) for a funeral this weekend. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman to grant permission. The motion carried.

MACO REFUNDS

We received two checks from MACo for JPIA Safety Loss Control credits (\$492.00) and JPA Safety Loss Control credits (\$1,498.00) for policy year 2012-2013.

COUNTY CLAIMS

The current claims were submitted for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to pay these claims. The motion carried.

NCAAA

Commissioner Rockman participated in a conference call on October 17th for the quarterly NCAAA meeting. Business as usual; however, the following items of interest are reported:

- 1) The total annual budget for all categories for NCAAA = \$1,090,000 (not including reserves of \$174,000);
- 2) Early reports of state funds coming to the agency were around \$80,000, but current estimates are around \$50,000;
- 3) Our auditing firm (Anderson-Zurmehlen) has requested an increase from \$4,950 to \$8,600 to complete the fiscal year 2013 annual audit due to changes in general and federal auditing standards. We negotiated the rate to \$7,100 after calling other agencies regarding comparable fees.

BOR

Mike LaFrentz was in to say that the 4 toilets on the Marina side of Lake Elwell are available at our convenience (2 for Liberty County + 2 for Hill County). The BOR will pay for the pumping services prior to excavation.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues. They are presently working on the Whitlash Road project (Whitlash to the border); work is moving at around 1 mile per day.

DNRC

Eric Eneboe came in to update us on road access issues. He would like some "proof" and/or a letter from us confirming "historical use" of the Iron Creek Road in able to acquire the appropriate easements.

DEQ

We received an e-mail from Ed Coleman, Bureau Chief at DEQ, requesting status on the Wickum gravel pit (regarding Liberty County Opencut Mining Permit #1066). We responded.

BID QUOTES

A bid quote from Central Montana Lock & Safe for 3 security door locks (including all equipment, supplies, labor and mileage) for the courthouse = \$7,130 less discount of \$1,176 = \$5,954.

A second bid from Alert Security Professional's for 3 security door locks (similar to above) = \$5,840.

ARLO SKARI

We called Arlo Skari who is excited to do some research on providing "historical" proof on Iron Creek Road in the Sweetgrass Hills.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly Liberty Medical Center Board meeting on October 16th. The staff is extremely happy with the new mental health therapist, LeAnne Lewis. LMC has scheduled "strategic planning" on October 25th.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere stopped in to update us on the weed department.

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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October 29th, 2013 ♦ 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 Rlynn Rockman, Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues. They have 3-5 days left on the north Whitlash Road project. Doug Demarest will not be able to move his fence line prior to this project completion because he's busy hauling cattle. They should be done mowing next week. Marc will check out the courthouse rear parking lot for potential repairs and/or fill material. Marc reports that Pete Woods (?) built an approach around ¼ mile west of Roy Wickum's, but a culvert was not installed; Marc will follow-up on this.

HI-LINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

On October 24th, Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly board meeting of the Hi Line Health Foundation. Liberty County is in desperate need of EMT's (per Tara Hendrickson), so an EMT recruitment / organizational meeting is planned for November 19th. The EMT class involves 120 hours of training. A flu shot clinic and trauma clinic are scheduled for October 29th. Dr. Young is retiring from the LMC board in November. Current total assets of the Foundation are \$2.5 million. There will be a CNA instruction class at LMC on November 7th.

LIBERTY COUNTY CHAMBER

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Chamber meeting on October 24th. The current assets of the Chamber are \$23,000. The Christmas Stroll will be December 4th. The MT Business Agenda Tour for Montana Chamber will be in Chester on November 25th.

TRIANGLE TELEPHONE

Commissioner Tempel called Chris Johnsrud at Triangle Telephone to discuss cell phone reception issues. Chris reports that Triangle Telephone plans to revamp the Joplin cell tower within the next month.

LIBERTY MEDICAL CENTER TRAUMA CLINIC

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Trauma clinic at LMC on October 29th. LMC was applying to be re-designated as a Trauma Center. Two inspectors were making evaluations.

EMT TRAINING

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly ambulance /fire meeting on Monday evening (October 28th). All members present received CPR re-certification.

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson stopped in to update us on Senior Center issues. She provided service reports for September 2013 and 3rd Quarter / 2013; these summaries were comparable to last year's reports.

AIRPORT

The Commissioner's drew up a "lease of airport facilities" for ground space to accommodate a new hanger being built by James Schwartz. Size of the building = 60 X 64 at annual lease of \$115. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve this lease. The motion carried, and it was signed by the Commissioners and Mr. Schwartz.

COUNTY PAYROLL

A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson to pay the current county payroll. The motion carried.

PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING

Two Pacific Steel and Recycling representatives from Havre (Dix Nebel & Scott Chagnon) came to see us about recycling cars, scrap, E-waste, landfill products, and providing better service to our community. Mayor Noel Walston stopped in for the discussion. We will work with them when possible.

GRAVEL

Mark Wickum stopped in at our request to discuss gravel. We presently own around 5,000 yards in his pit, which will be used on the Whitlash Road project. We would like to purchase any excess material (ballast) available; Mark will visit with Ray O'Brien about disposition / ownership of this excess material. Mark did say that we could have / use any of the reject material that was pushed over the slope.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere stopped in to discuss weed issues. Weed worker, Wayne Wardell, received a minor leg injury on the job on Thursday, October 24th. He went to the local ER on Saturday. Jim documented the incident.

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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