

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.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Justin Wickum updated the Commissioners on recent road issues. The roads last week were in good shape, but since it has rained the roads are no longer in good condition. Mowing will be completed this week, and the Case IH rental tractors will be going back to Havre this week.

**LEPC**

The Commissioners attended the monthly LEPC meeting. It was very well attended.

**TOOLE COUNTY**

The Commissioners had donated a pickup to the Marias Fair and signed that vehicle over to Toole County.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Council on Aging meeting. The next Supper Club will be held November 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. A driver for meal delivery is needed. At this time, 8-22 meals are being delivered. The Christmas Stroll will be held December 7, 2016. For this event, the Senior Center will be serving soup, pie, and cinnamon rolls. The landscape trees will be planted next year. Brandon Roos, from the Road Department, has completed the quarterly inspections of all the transit vehicles. The new generator was discussed. Chester will be hosting the regional meeting in January.

**CITY OF CHESTER**

Mayor Noel Walston met with the Commissioners to discuss the letter from Bear Paw Development regarding Earl Fisher Bio Fuel. Earl Fisher will be exercising their option to purchase the old shovel factory.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere met with the Commissioners to discuss the spraying of the Fall weeds, mostly the Canadian Thistle. The Weed Crew has been spraying some Caragana trees that are growing too close to the road. Russian Olive spraying will continue as long as the weather does become too cold.

**911**

The Sheriff's Department radio was not working last night. Dispatch was using a hand-held radio until Hi-line Communications was able to fix it.

**NRCS**

Commissioner Wicks attended a NRCS meeting regarding chemical resistant weeds. Speakers were from the MSU Extension Office.

**JUSTICE COURT**

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners to update them 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.

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**Clerk**

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**Chairman**

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**TIBER WATER BOARD**

Commissioner Wicks attended the monthly Tiber Water Board meeting. The North Central Regional Water Line was discussed. The lines connecting Shelby and Cut Bank are progressing. The contract for a line between Shelby and Conrad was awarded.

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE**

The Commissioners worked through some of the paper work on their desks. County road issues were discussed with multiple residents throughout the day. The Commissioners are formulating a plan for future gravel needs.

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**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ Tuesday**

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**ELECTION DAY**

The Commissioners helped with the set up and cleanup of the polling places.

**ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR**

Election Administrator, Angel Colbry, and the Election Judges had a very well run election. The voting and the county went very smoothly. The election results for Liberty County were available by 10:00 p.m.

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**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ Wednesday**

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**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Commissioners met with Justin Wickum to discuss the ongoing road issues. The continued rain has made the road upkeep very difficult. The crew has been working overtime. As of now, they have worked 187 hours of overtime, and have hired a temporary position for 16 days of additional help. The crew is still trying to get something done before freeze up.

**ELECTION**

Election Administrator, Angel Colbry, was in to discuss the election proceedings and results. She was very happy with how smooth the process went. The Commissioners complimented her on smoothly everything went.

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.

**AIRPORT**

The Commissioner's reviewed the current airport lease. The City of Chester will be supplying a model of the back-flow preventer so the leases can be upgraded. In addition, the Commissioners signed the current lease with Pat Wicks that will run until 2019. The previous lease was signed in 2014.

**WEED DEPARTMENT**

Jim Ghekiere had no new updates from the Weed Department.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Robert Padmos met with the Commissioners to updated them on the happenings in the County Attorney's office.

**CLAIMS**

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

**MENTAL HEALTH**

The Commissioners are trying to set up a meeting with Michelle Holden to discuss how the programs is working

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**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ Tuesday**

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**HOSPITAL BOARD**

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Hendrickson attended the Hospital CEO interviews on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday November 14<sup>th</sup>. The board will be reviewing the applications.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Justin Wickum reported to the Commissioners that the mowing of the ditches has been completed. The Road Crew is busy blading the roads before they freeze. A culvert is being installed on 1400 Road East, as well as one being in installed in Joplin.

**JANITOR**

The Commissioners met with Debbie Peet to discuss purchasing supplies for the Courthouse.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson met with the Commissioners to report on last night's Supper Club. She said 30 people attended and it was very nice. The next one will be held in January. The Senior Center will be applying for Rural Development money from Bear Paw Development in order to finish some landscaping.

**BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT**

The Commissioners sent a letter in conjunction with the City of Chester acknowledging the sale of the Liberty Manufacturing Building to Earl Fisher Biofuel. The sale is in accordance with the contract between Bear Paw Development and Earl Fisher Biofuel.

**AIRPORT**

The Commissioners reviewed the AIP closeout checklist with the FAA (AIP #3-30-0013-006-2015 Contract #DOT-FA15NM-2015). Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve, and Commissioner Wicks seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. The document was signed and sent to RPA engineer Bill Burkland.

**JUSTICE COURT**

Holly Frederickson met with the Commissioners to inform them that trial that had been held today had gone well.

**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.

**COMMISSIONER OUT OF STATE**

Commissioner Tempel requested permission to be out of state over Thanksgiving. Commissioners Wicks made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Hendrickson seconded. 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.

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**Chairman**

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ Wednesday**

**POST ELECTION AUDIT**

The post-election audit was held in the Commissioner's office. Megan Hedges, Dana Lalum, and Renae Richter were the judges. The Secretary of State chose the Presidential, Governor, House of Representatives 27, and Ballot Initiative 177 of Precinct 4 to be counted. The numbers matched the election night results.

**HEALTHY LIBERTY COUNTY COALITION**

Commissioner Wicks attended the Healthy Liberty County Coalition meeting at the Senior Center.

**HOSPITAL BOARD**

Commissioner Wicks and Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly Hospital Board meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Joe Ludwig was elected as a board member. The board voted to wave the term limits in the by-laws and allowed Kristen Kammerzell to remain on the board for another term. Commissioner Hendrickson was elected as the new Chair, Kirsten Kammerzell as the Vice Chair, and Britney Tempel as the Secretary.

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**Chairman**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ Thursday**

**ELECTION CANVAS**

The Commissioners canvased the election and the numbers were certified. The Election in Liberty County is final.

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**MENTAL HEALTH**

Michelle Holden, the Liberty County Mental Health Counselor, had a meeting with the Commissioners. Items discussed were the recent Mental Health Board Meeting and the Mental Health First Aid program that is available from the state. Michelle is certified to teach the program.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Glenda Hanson received the contract for the new bus. Section 5311 Capital Contract #109278 CFDA #20.509 Formula Grants for other than Urbanized Areas. The total grant was for \$63,100.00. Liberty County's portion of the grant is \$8,469.36. Robert Padmos reviewed the contract. Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the contract and Commissioner Wicks seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

**CLAIMS**

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**PAYROLL**

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**November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ♦ Tuesday**

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**FEDERAL LAND ACCESS PROGRAM**

Liberty County was notified that the application for MT 366 that was sent in by former Liberty County Road Supervisor, Marc Holmes, was accepted. This project would improve MT 366 from MT 223 to Tiber Dam, including the road to Sanford Park and the road to the fishing access site at the New Tunnel. The Commissioners met with Mike Hillard and Wes Harrison, representing BOR, and Justin Wickum to discuss the project. A meeting with Wayne Noem, from the MDOT, will be held to discuss the project further.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Justin Wickum met with the Commissioners to update them on Road Department Issues. The Road Crew will be running the graders as long as the roads do not freeze. Graveling will not start until after the ground freezes.

**TRAPPER**

The Commissioners met with Neal Green to discuss the trapping of beaver in the Sweet Grass Hills. He will inspect the problem sites and report back to the Commissioners with options.

**EXTENSION**

Jesse Fulbright met with the Commissioners to discuss the Extension office. Jesse is in the process of writing his annual report.

The upstairs of the Courthouse is in need of a breakroom to help with the trials that have been taking place. Ann Seidlitz-Melton proposed the use of a room upstairs. Prices will be checked and reported to the Commissioners.

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