

November 5th, 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.

MACO SAFE DRIVING CLASS

We received 29 certificates for those county employees / volunteers who completed the 4-hr safe driving class sponsored by MACo on October 15th.

AIRPORT

We met with Jim Schwartz and together looked at the proposed hangar spot. We recommended that he move the hangar to the west off the taxi way.

ROAD UPDATE

Marc Holmes met with the Commissioners. The road crew is finished on Road 3200. They hauled gravel from the Laas pit. The Whitlash Road north to the border is just about finished.

EMPG

The grant award agreement for the EMPG was submitted by Darrell Stafford for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried and the papers were signed and delivered to Darrell.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Commissioner Hendrickson and Commissioner Tempel attended the "4-H Achievement Night" with about 70 community friends at the Senior Center on November 3rd. A nice program was presented.

LEPC

Ten members attended the monthly LEPC meeting at the firehall. Thad Kaiser, CJI superintendent, reported that he is required to develop an emergency plan for the school by school year's end, so he would like input from LEPC. CJI has done three drills: school bus, earthquake, and fire. Tara has submitted an \$8,000 grant for six AED's. An EMT class is being planned; the target is for six to eight Liberty County participants. Both ambulances passed the state inspection yesterday.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly COA meeting. The Treasurer's report = \$24,300 in all accounts. Not much new happening. Commissioner Rockman explained the CTEP funds and the possibility of these monies being used for the transit canopy and/or parking lot enhancements. The COA agreed to take on this project and will send the Commissioners a request letter.

JOPLIN SEWER DISTRICT

Rob Moog and Greg May came in at our request to discuss the pivot at the Joplin Sewer, which has become a financial liability. Greg reported that the pivot is in poor repair and the main electrical box at the past is hazardous (probably a \$5,000 fix). Greg has no interest in buying the pivot, in fact, he really doesn't care if he uses it again. Rob thinks we should have a "course of action" plan before we dispose of the pivot (i.e., what will we do when the reservoir level becomes "free board") and have all of the necessary permits and paperwork in order. Rob will check on a few of the regulations and also the value of the pivot (1979 vintage).

RDO

The two new John Deere motorgraders were delivered today. Sales rep, Jerry Ridgeway, stopped in with the J.D. Financial Lease schedule. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson, and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve and sign the lease. The motion carried.

HRD

Commissioner Tempel attended the HRD executive committee meeting in Havre on November 4th.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Jim Ghekiere was in to discuss weed issues. Wayne Wardell is re-cooperating well from his recent leg injury. Workman's comp was notified regarding medical expense reimbursement. 32 hours of sick leave was paid for his last scheduled days of work. Jim discussed recently complaints about the organic farm of Susie Yurman with "buffer zone" weed issues. The County cannot address any non-noxious weeds, only noxious ones. Jim will write a letter of non-compliance to be approved by us.

DIS

Matt Davison of DIS spent time with us on IT matters, plus, demonstrated their service to scan and preserve county documents. Rhonda Pimley and Gayle Dahlen participated in these conversations.

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

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

Chairman

November 6th, 2013 ♦ Wednesday

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TAX APPEAL BOARD

Myrna Gjesdal, longtime secretary of the Liberty County Tax Appeal Board, resigned from the board effective immediately. She will be wintering away from Montana. She dropped off her guidelines and resource manuals.

TRIANGLE TELEPHONE

A "Right-of-Way" Easement was offered by Triangle Telephone Coop Association for approval to place buried and/or aerial communication cables in all streets, alleys, and deeded property in the Town of Joplin. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve this request. The motion carried and the paperwork was signed.

COUNTY CLAIMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve payment of the current county claims. The motion carried.

JUVENILE PROBATION

We received a payment from an offending juvenile via the 12th Judicial District Youth Court for prior damages to our cemetery building. The check equaling \$50 (from "J.D.") was given to the Liberty County Cemetery District for processing.

EBMS

A webinar dealing with medical insurance issues by the Affordable Health Care Act related to EBMS clients was viewed by Rhonda Pimley (Clerk & Recorder), Keisha Wood (Payroll Clerk), and the three Commissioners.

DNRC / ROAD ACCESS EASEMENT

We wrote a letter to the MT State Land Board addressing the historical use of the Iron Creek Access Road.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

We faxed an airport map plus paperwork to First State Bank of Shelby per request of Jim Schwartz to expedite his hangar project.

STONE GARDEN GRANT

We received a "Grant Award Agreement" from Montana DES that confirms our Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for \$78,237. The Commissioners applied for this grant in June 2013.

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

November 12th, 2013 ♦ Tuesday

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ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marc Holmes was in to discuss road issues. The work on the north Whitlash Road (from Whitlash to the border) is done. The crew also finished the yearly mowing on 11-07-13; the Commissioner's appreciated a job well-done. The beaver dams are a continuous problem. Marc will be on vacation from November 15th – December 1st; Jerry Ghekiere will handle supervisory tasks. The crew also worked on the 3300 South Road to Buck Dahlin's farmstead.

JOPLIN SEWER DISTRICT

Rob Moog sent us a letter regarding his follow-up research on the sewer pivot and options. Highlights:

1. Advice from MRWS (MT Rural Water Systems) is that we not apply for a discharge permit due to cost, engineering, DEQ involvement, and necessary improvements.
2. Total costs could reach \$1 million.
3. The current pivot is worth plus or minus \$5,000 per Nardinger Irrigation of Great Falls.
4. Sewer rates in Joplin have remained unchanged since the late 1980's, so maybe an increase is in order (Rob suggest \$5/month/household).

SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hanson was in to discuss Senior Center issues. She has our permission to sign the Drug and Alcohol testing program for fiscal year 2013 with William P. Hanley (AKA: Hi-Line Consortium). We talked about continued problems with the motor fan above the dishwasher.

CEMETERY BOARD

Commissioner Rockman attended the monthly Cemetery Board meeting on November 7th. Ted reports all cemetery equipment has been winterized. The price on the mower canopy is \$1,667.06. Ted will research price on a new pump / motor for Joplin Cemetery.

PERMISSION TO BE OUT OF STATE

Commissioner Tempel and Commissioner Rockman asked permission to be gone on Thanksgiving week. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried to approve their absences. Commissioner Hendrickson plans to be out of state from December 5th to December 12th. A motion was made by Commissioner Tempel and seconded by Commissioner Rockman. The motion carried for permission granted.

PAYROLL

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

WORKMANS COMP INQUIRY

County employee, "D.S.R." (claim #WCL126028096), has been on injury leave since May 2013. We called Liz Krzan, MACo claims examiner, who has assigned said employee to a nurse case manager (Nancy Lindbergh). The RN case manager and said employee are scheduled to see a specialist tomorrow. Employee's current status is still "modified duty"; he has not been released for full duty. If the specialist confirms his injuries, he will be assigned a vocational services manager. Liz will keep us informed.

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 13th, 2013 ♦ Wednesday

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CJISCHOOL BOARD

Commissioner Hendrickson attended the monthly school board meeting on November 12th, followed by the industrial arts advisory board meeting. Commissioner Hendrickson offered information in support of Gail Shatkus regarding the GIS program.

WEST LIBERTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

James Dahlen stopped in with a current list of the volunteer firemen and paperwork for workman's comp. A copy was faxed to Wood Enterprises.

COUNTY SAFETY MANUAL

Julie Gagnon is updating our employee safety manual at our request.

ELECTION CANVASS

The election administrator, Rhonda Pimley, asked the Commissioners to canvass the election results from November 4th. The Town of Chester had three aldermen elected: James Dahlen, Brett Earl and David Ghekiere. The voter response to this mail ballot election was 45%.

RDO

Jerry Ridgeway, John Deere representative, stopped in to finalize the paperwork on the two motor grader leases. We also worked on getting the JDLink hook-up.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

A fine distribution report dated January 1st through November 13th, 2013 showed the total fines at \$17,261.25 of which \$13,813.00 was distributed to the County Treasurer.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Rockman. The motion carried to pay some late claims as submitted.

CATERPILLAR SURVEY

The Commissioners participated in a 10-minute telephone survey relating to our recent purchase / lease of two caterpillar motor graders regarding sales, service, financing, delivery, etc.

CTEP

The Liberty County Council on Aging provided a request letter to the Commissioners and Bear Paw Development for CTEP funds for our transit facility (specifically, canopy and parking lot enhancement). We called Bear Paw Development and spoke with Pam LaMere, who will meet with the Council on Aging and community on December 11th at the Senior Center.

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 19th, 2013 ♦ Tuesday

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SOUTH CHESTER WATER DISTRICT

We received South Chester Water District's recommendations for appointment of trustees, including reappointments of Ken Gagnon and Bryce Henke and the new appointment of Ray Morkrid (to replace Ken Osterman). A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to accept these recommendations for 4-year terms (2014-2017). The motion carried and confirmation letters and paperwork were sent by the Election Administrator, Rhonda Pimley.

JUNK VEHICLE PROGRAM

We received our annual letter from DEQ regarding our fiscal year 2014 budget and accounting form for fiscal year 2013. We will be getting \$1,862.50 this year. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel to approve this vendor invoice. The motion carried.

AIRPORT DISTRICT

With new hangar construction at the airport, there is some confusion about location of water and sewer lines in the vicinity. Consequently, we met with Noel Walston (mayor) and John Kleinsasser (city foreman) to discuss this dilemma. Conclusions: To avoid annexing the airport land to the Town of Chester, the airport district needs to remove / cap three unused hydrants on the airport grounds, which we will do this coming spring. We also seek information from plumber Eveland and former airport agent Fenger regarding the location of lines.

MUSEUM

Betty Marshall dropped by a list of maintenance items for the museum. We will consult with Vern Holmes.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

An interlocal agreement (for incarceration of adult prisoners) between Hill and Liberty Counties was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and seconded by Commissioner Tempel. The motion carried to approve the agreement. Sheriff Burrows had County Attorney Hugh Brown peruse the paperwork before submitting it to us. The paperwork was mailed to the Hill County Sheriff's Office.

TOWN OF CHESTER

Noel Walston and John Kleinsasser visited with us about the city's future plans to update their sewer system to the tune of \$3 million. Primary improvements per their engineer include dredging the lagoon, updating two lift stations, and addressing Liberty Medical Center's sewer situation. Back in 1983 the county commissioners (M.Cheek, C.Smith, and S.Wardell) signed an agreement with the city council that accepted full responsibility and expenses for the construction, operation and maintenance of LMC's sewer system. The problem escalates because the alleyway was closed for future hospital expansion; therefore, the sewer line is presently under the entire LMC complex. This sewer line is a feeder-line from the Gagnon Addition. In conclusion, this particular line will require special repairs and updates at high expenditures to Liberty County! A meeting with Peccia and Associates will be December 3rd.

DUI TASK FORCE

MDOT sent us information about an opportunity to fund a county DUI Task Force. We forwarded the letter to Justice of the Peace Holly Frederickson for her input.

CATTLE – CROSSING ISSUE

Sage Creek Colony called to report that a cattle-guard needs cleaning out (on Flat Coulee Road just west of Laird Creek); their cattle are getting into Arnie Woods' pasture. We sent Jerry Ghekiere to investigate; the cattle-guard is, indeed, full of frozen dirt and the present conditions are winter weather. Conclusion: Not much can be done until spring. We notified John Wurz.

CLAIMS

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

EXTENSION SEMINAR

Commissioner Rockman and Commissioner Tempel attended an MSU Extension seminar on the evening of November 18th. Part 1: Cindy Palmer from the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance spoke briefly about utilizing their services to confirm licensures of agents and brokers before purchasing securities, investments, etc. Part 2: Cathy Cooney from the MT Community Foundation gave an audio visual presentation on establishing community foundations.

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

November 26th, 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: Commissioner Larry Hendrickson, and Commissioner Russ Tempel. Commissioner Rockman was available by telephone.

MACO

We called MACo and talked to Mike Sehestedt, and inquired about EMS Bylaws. He will look for some and get back to us.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Tempel made the motion to approve the current payroll as presented. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PACIFIC RECYCLING

We talked to Pacific Recycling about E-waste. We decided to wait until after the first of the year to try and set a date.

MORRISON & MAIERLE

We talked to Mike Felton and discussed the list of computers that the county has. We are having problems with computers in the assessor's office. The county owns one in that office. We will order a replacement for it. It will be a scaled down version.

JD LINK

RDO walked us through the use of the JD Link for the graders.

CJIGIS GRANT

Gayle Shatkus updated us on the grant process.

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